

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 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

Update on COVID Precautions

And the good news is—we are not aware of any ongoing spread of COVID among the congregation! As a result, please note that masks are no longer being required in the church building. Instead, we *recommend* that individuals continue to mask until Friday, July 12, particularly if preexisting conditions increase risk of serious complications.

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 7 and 21**.

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.

Lutheran World Relief School Bag Kits

It might be hard to believe with the current heatwave, 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). We will be holding two events to prepare for this fall's LWR Ingathering: **July 8 and July 15**, 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, this is the perfect opportunity to see what this ministry is all about!

We will be reviewing the ways these school bags help those in need across the world as well as how we should assemble them. Then we get the opportunity to start making these important bags! With some parts requiring sewing, we'll have excellent teachers to guide you along the way. 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!

Earth Camp 2024!

Earth Camp 2024 is in the books! Last week we had 41 campers join us to learn all about our love for the Earth and how we can take good care of it. In addition to large-group games, snacks, and worship, campers rotated through six small-group stations daily during the week. Here are some highlights:

In Earth Story, Michelle Sinn and Susanne Wells brought movement to story time as they shared Earth stories that fit with daily themes. Kids even got to cross the stream into Susanne's beautiful nature-filled backyard and meet some critters!



In Earth Crafts, Susan Reiser and Beth Johnson helped the children bring out their creativity with desert-scapes, family trees, and more.

When kids finished with their craft projects early, they had LWR quilts available for them to practice their tying; our campers tied four whole quilts during the week!

In Earth Creatures, Connie Losk used videos and her years of teaching experience to educate kids all about sea lions, beavers, and other animals that call Oregon home.

In Earth Discovery, Pat Christiansen and Don Nearhood led a host of Earth-y experiments, including building mountains out of Play-Doh and practicing finding magnetic fields just like the sea turtles.

In Earth Home, Adam McQueen brought our state to life, helping kids locate all the different regions and biomes within our state. He also led a cool demonstration on how the rain shadow contributes to our wide range of climates.

In Earth Care, LuAnn Staul and Liz Hardy led lessons about bats, bees, trees, and beaches, culminating with a guest appearance by a representative from the County who taught us about recycling and microplastics.

Thank you to everyone who made Earth Camp 2024 possible! It was another amazing year, and we couldn't have done it without your help.



Andy's Room Podcast is on Summer Break



The Andy's Room Podcast is taking a break this summer as Kyler goes traveling 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.

Fall Worship Planning

The worship planners, led by Pastor Allison, 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.

Earth Camp Art Thank you

There is a table in the narthex with examples of the art the campers made during Earth Camp this year. In addition, there are four quilts the campers tied on display. Stop by and see where your donations of pine & fir cones and sweetgum balls were used. A huge thank you for the generous response and donations of cones, sweetgum balls, and paper grocery bags.

Deacon Susan

Sanctuary of the Firs Services

Three services are planned for the Sanctuary of the Firs this summer. The dates are **July 7**, **August 11**, and **September 1**. The service in the firs will be led by a musician who will play music for the prelude, lead the hymns and sung liturgy, and offer a postlude to send you on your way. That service will be available via Zoom.



To accommodate those who are unable to traverse the path down to the Sanctuary of the Firs, we will have a concurrent service in the Sanctuary. Due to the challenges we encountered last year connecting to the service in the woodland, this service will be led independently. Deacon Susan, Sister India, and a cantor will lead the inside service. Pastor Allison's sermon will be read to those worshipping in the Sanctuary.

Nifty Notters



Did you know that the Nifty Notters re-purpose and re-use over 500 yards of cloth a year? Notters tie "comforters" on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month. This summer, plan to join us on **July 6, July 20, August 3, and August 17**, from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Drop in for any part of that time or bring your lunch and stay all day. All supplies are provided. We enjoy teams of mothers and daughters.

On a positive note: this weekend the temperature is going to be in the 100's and the Fellowship Hall is air conditioned.

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



More Pictures from Earth Camp 2024



Disaster Preparation Starts at Home

Did you begin stocking a Disaster Preparedness Kit for yourself in June? If you haven't gotten around to it yet, call the church office at 503-646-0629 or email office@standrewlutheran.com to request the "Weekly News" insert from June 2. Together, we're going to take some time each month to better prepare ourselves for everything from power outages to earthquakes.

We're relying on recommendations from the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management for information. If you'd like to get a head-start on your preparations, or are wanting to quickly complete an emergency management kit on your own, visit <https://www.portland.gov/PBEM> and explore the many resources they recommend.

Otherwise, you are encouraged to follow along with other St. Andrew folks as we take 12 months to learn how to get ready for unforeseen events. Each month we'll add to our Disaster Preparedness Kit (see column at right), so that by next summer, we'll have **sufficient basic supplies on hand to survive at least two weeks** after an emergency without a lot of help.

Even if you have a well-stocked Emergency Kit, one of your priorities will always be to stay in touch with loved ones not with you. See below to prepare for how you might communicate during a disaster.

Make a Communication Plan for Family & Friends

We are a mobile society. People go to work, school, and travel for work or fun, so we need to plan for the possibility of being separated from our loved ones when disaster strikes. In addition to saving phone numbers and email addresses for loved ones on our smart phones, disaster planners recommend that all household members keep an out-of-area contact card in their wallet, purse, or backpack at all times.

Out-of-Area Contacts

Ask a friend or relative who lives out of your area (at least 100 miles away) to be your contact person. They can send messages to your family in the affected area and then reply back to you. This person is key to an effective communications plan, especially if the internet and cell phone signals are sparse following a major event such as a big earthquake. It's more difficult to think during times of stress. Write down numbers and information ahead of time.

Safe and Well Web Site

When Affected, Get Connected

1. Visit [redcross.org/safeandwell](https://www.redcross.org/safeandwell)
2. Register yourself as "safe and well"
3. Search for your loved ones' posted messages

[redcross.org/safeandwell](https://www.redcross.org/safeandwell)

Be Red Cross Ready
[redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)

The reverse of this card provides space to list your contacts.

Use the Web

Let everyone in your family or contact group know that websites are available to facilitate checking on each other.

The American Red Cross has a website that lets you search for loved ones and register yourself as "safe and well." Go to

[Redcross.org/safeandwell](https://www.redcross.org/safeandwell).

We've printed out several Red Cross contact cards for the congregation to pick up. You'll find them on the communications table in the Narthex if you're interested.

Social media giant Facebook also has a "safety check" that can be implemented after a disaster. Go to

<https://www.facebook.com/about/safetycheck/>

and click on "Visit Crisis Response" at the bottom of the page. No crises are listed at this time for our area.

BE PREPARED

BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

Include enough food, water, and medical supplies to prepare in case of an emergency.



Create a Disaster Preparedness Kit Month Two, July 2024

To Do:

- Date items in your kit and group by expiration date.
- Install carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.
- Make a list of bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies, and insurance policy numbers, and include in kit.

To Collect:

- First Aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Battery/hand crank emergency radio
- 2 flashlights with batteries
- Waterproof matches
- Bushcraft knife

Remember that every family is different. If you have someone with special needs to care for or pets to consider, be sure to include them in your Disaster Preparedness Plan.

Review guidelines from the June 2nd issue to learn more.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Doris Larson	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Staff
Family and friends of Todd Kenagy (father)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Dwight & Debi Jerde
Family and friends of Karen Gladhill (sister-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Kristie & Richard Gladhill
Family and friends of Alvina Heidinger (mother-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Judy Heidinger
Bob & Mary Smith	Comfort, strength and healing from Covid	Mary Brown
Marty Sheffer	Adaptation and successful treatment	Jan Smith
Mary Smith	Comfort and successful surgery June 26	Mary Smith
Hallie Krauss (friend)	Comfort and peace	Camille Jackson
Pastor Laurie Newman	Strength and wisdom	Kim Taylor Blakemore
Priscilla (friend)	Strength and support	Judy Scholz
Dave Bumgardner	Peace and strength	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod and Staff		
Refugees and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military Personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Bocker, Evan Dahlquist, Neil Fiegenbaum, and Jerami Reyna	Courage and protection	Staff
Calvary Lutheran (Grants Pass)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Good Shepherd Lutheran (Cave Junction)		
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff

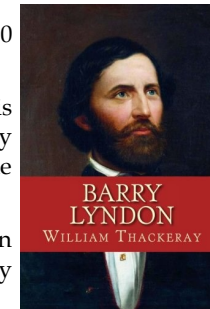
If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629, Email office@standrewlutheran.com, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

Men's Book Club

The next Men's Book Club meeting is this **Monday, July 8**, at 7:00 pm at Larry Bliesner's home.

The book is *Barry Lyndon* by William Makepeace Thackeray. This book tells the story of an Anglo-Irish rogue who schemes his way into high English society and aristocracy during the time of the American Revolutionary War.

It was later turned into a movie by Stanley Kubrick starring Ryan O'Neil and Marisa Berenson. *Barry Lyndon* won several Academy Awards, including one for Best Cinematography.



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.

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| Au Family | Allison Katsufraakis |
| Dianna Carlson | Bobbie Larson |
| Fako Family | Amy Peahl |
| Navarre Family | Schutt Family |
| Tira Nessel | Blakemore-Taylor |
| Steve Grover | Family |
| Gustafson Family | |

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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 7

- 9:30 am **In-Person Worship with Communion (also via Zoom)** Sanctuary of the First
 9:30 am **Indoor Worship with Communion (in-person only)** Sanctuary
 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel
 10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering Chapel
 11:00 am What Are ELCA Deacons and Deaconesses? Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 8—Church Office Closed

- 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting Library
 7:00 pm Men's Book Club Offsite

Tuesday, July 9

- 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)
 9:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting St. Andrew Room
 9:00 am Confirmation Teachers 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, July 10—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

- 10:00 am Doris Larson Memorial Service Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Sanctuary Team Meeting Library
 1:00 pm Wednesday Book Group with India St. Andrew Room

Thursday, July 11

- 10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Chapel/Library
 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons

Friday, July 12

- 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 13

- 11:00 am Stewardship Committee Meeting via Zoom

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 Practice St. Andrew Room/Fellowship Hall



**Memorial Service:
Doris Larson**

Wednesday, July 10, 2024
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Livestream available at
<https://youtube.com/live/u6E-EhOO2Qg>

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.





**Celebrating the Life of
Michelle Susan Greenfield**
(spouse of Pastor Terry Moe)

Memorial Service
Sunday, August 18, 2024
3:00 pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church
1700 NE 132nd Ave, Portland

Celebration of Life
Sunday, August 18, 2024
6:00 pm at Kennedy School McMenamins
5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland

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.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of May 31st, 2024

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 7/02/2024

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

M&M Giving is 101% of FYTD budget and 103% of monthly budget.

Expenses are 92% of FYTD budget.

Principal-Only Payment for Mortgage: \$2,220 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	118	65	no data	183		
Monthly Total	470	258	no data	728	\$ 50,818	\$ 6,473
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 49,357	\$ 5,013

103%

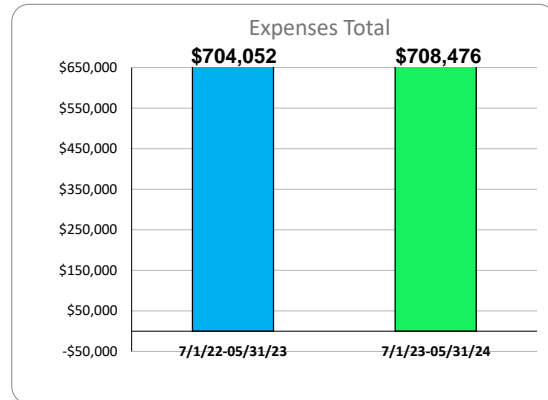
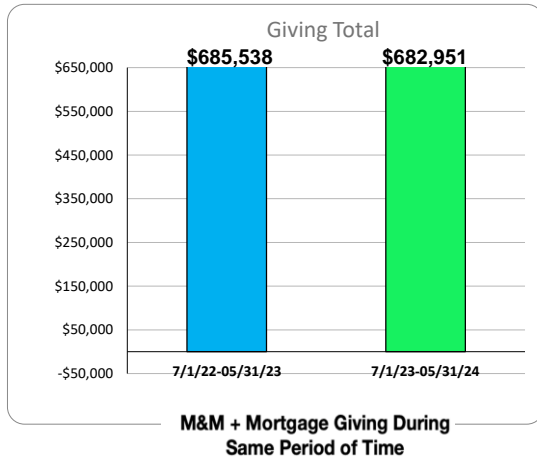
3 Main Funds: Current Status

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	\$ 554,211	\$ 560,753	101%	
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 634,785	\$ 586,530	92%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2023-2024	\$ 122,198	\$ 121,947	\$ 35,092	\$ 261,088	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 66,800	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			\$ 108,417	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 16,102	\$ 2,662	\$ 27,248	

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

7/1/22-05/31/23	\$ 685,538
7/1/23-05/31/24	\$ 682,951
7/1/22-05/31/23	\$ 704,052
7/1/23-05/31/24	\$ 708,476

** Mortgage giving/expense included