

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 25, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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New Photo Directories

Our new church photo directories have arrived. Thank you so much for your help with getting the pictures taken and your patience during production.

If you had a picture taken or turned in a selfie, you can pick up your directory in the office during office hours, Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. **These need to be tracked, so please do not just take a book.** This **Sunday, August 25**, you can also pick up your directory following worship. Please see Carol Harker in the Narthex.



In addition to the printed directory, those who had a photo taken and provided an email address have access to an online version of the directory. You should have received an email with your personal log in and password. Please ignore the company advertising on the first page and go to the top right-hand side of the screen to "Sign In." Click on that and use the log in information that was sent to you.

Collecting Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Please take advantage of school supply sales going on now to help us prepare for the LWR Ingathering in October. If you're interested in donating items, please note what we still need:



- ◆ 397 Spiral notebooks (70 sheets)
- ◆ 169 Pencil sharpeners
- ◆ 130 Blunt scissors
- ◆ 140 Unsharpened #2 pencils
- ◆ 362 Black or blue pens
- ◆ 38 Packs of 16- or 24-count crayons

The bags filled with school supplies that Lutherans put together year after year for LWR Ingatherings give children around the world the opportunity to learn and to thrive. Please leave your donations in the box labeled LWR in the Narthex. Thank you.

Making Ends Meet

Year-round, the good people of St. Andrew reach out to generously help people we don't know. We make quilts, provide food, collect housewares, buy school supplies, cook meals, and shop for socks and underwear. And now we have an opportunity to help our administrative assistant Rhonda Powell and her family meet life's expenses while she continues to undergo cancer treatment. To learn more, please go to <https://gofund.me/d9a92c15>. And thanks to the many people who have already donated!



Ministry Fair Coming Soon!

Don't miss this year's Ministry Fair on **September 8**, 10:45 am - 12:00 pm! Have you ever wondered what it feels like to play the bells? Or how to get involved with the Earth Care team? Come and see what our various ministry teams are up to. Register your children for The Roots, Confirmation class, or High School class. This is a great way to find out where your gifts can be used to strengthen our community. Come and meet some of the many people who keep the various ministries of St. Andrew humming along!

This year, we invite you to participate in a scavenger hunt. You will be able to earn a signature, stamp, or sticker after answering a question or performing a task at each of the tables you visit. For example, at the worship table, try your hand at ringing the bells or sign up to help lead our worship! At the confirmation table, you'll be asked to write down the name of our curriculum materials. More details will be announced at the fair, but know that there will be goodies involved!

Has your ministry team reserved a table yet for the fair? **If not, please send an email to Lynn Santelmann (lsantelmann66@gmail.com) no later than **Sunday, September 1**.** At your table, please provide information about your team and how to become involved, plus a stamp or sticker for visitors who complete your task for the Scavenger Hunt.



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Questions? Contact any member of the Connections Team: Sonja Ackman, Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christensen, Connie Losk, Lynn Santelmann, or Jan Smith.



St. Andrew Walks with You

This is the final Sunday for you to put your donations of NEW ADULT SOCKS in the blue and yellow barrels in the Narthex. The Service Committee is collecting them for men and women without a home who stop by Outside In for a meal, a shower, or clothing. Thanks!

Choir Rehearsals Resume

Bells of Grace and Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, **September 11**. The handbells will be rehearsing at 6:00 pm and the Sanctuary Choir will follow with rehearsal starting at 7:00 pm, both in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in participating in either or both of these choirs, please contact Deacon Susan.



Introducing You to Scrap Creative Reuse

Have you heard of Scrap Creative Reuse in Portland? I learned about it last year when my Master Recycler class went there for one of our field trips. There are Creative Reuse Stores across the nation. Creative Reuse is also known as upcycling or repurposing; it is the addition of creativity to an already manufactured item. A CD jewel case can become a bird feeder, wine corks turned into a cork board, or a t-shirt can be transformed into a rug.

People of all ages can explore the possibilities of all of the discarded materials in the world around us and ways to creatively reuse materials in artistic projects, create and play games, try out experiments, and make quality, useful projects infused with their own artistic ideas and creativity.

What is SCRAP? SCRAP is a donation-based creative reuse store and donation center in Portland. It is a "501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior by providing affordable materials to the community and giving forgotten craft materials new life!" Along with the ever-changing and diverse store items, SCRAP also provides a range of educational opportunities.

What can you find at SCRAP? All kinds of reused material for arts and crafts plus school supplies, fabric and patterns, office supplies, gift wrap, and party supplies. They also offer a small collection of new and necessary items, like glue and magnets. Their inventory changes constantly so you never know what you will find. The hunt is part of the fun!



The prices are quite low. Because their merchandise is donated by the public, they have diverted hundreds of tons of usable materials from the waste stream, and the prices are kept low. Prices are about 1/3 to 1/2 of the retail cost. Every penny spent in the store goes back into supporting SCRAP's mission.

What can you donate? There are so many things! I was amazed!

- Art supplies such as paints, markers, bottle caps, corks, calligraphy supplies, ceramics, rubber stamping supplies
- Jewelry, beads, and jewelry making supplies
- Electronics such as cameras, projectors, sewing machines, and cricut tools
- Fabrics, sewing notions, patterns, buttons, yarn, and more
- School and office supplies such as various kinds of paper, colored pencils and pens
- Vintage things such as old books and doll house furniture

Classes and parties: SCRAP can be rented for birthday parties where the kids get to make crafts such as dioramas, collages, and sculptures. "Crafternoon" is a self-guided, themed, creative reuse craft workshop for artists of all skill levels with materials provided. Examples of "Crafternoon" themes are seasonal décor, mini race cars, dioramas, and paper marbling. SCRAP's studio may be rented for group crafting, activities or meetings.

For more info about Portland's SCRAP Creative Reuse store, go to <https://portland.scrapcreativereuse.org>.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Celebration Cleaning

You'll see elsewhere in the newsletter that the date for Pastor Allison's installation at St. Andrew is set for October 19. We'll have leaders from the synod here, Pastor Allison's family and friends, and many other clergy from the area. So it's time to clean house!



Many of the blue chairs we use in Fellowship Hall are stained and need attention. If you have a hand-held carpet cleaner, such as a Bissell Little Green Pro, please consider joining a volunteer team on a Monday in September to help get the job done!

We'll gather in Fellowship Hall, set out the chairs in groups, and get to work. More hands mean less labor for everyone involved and, if there's interest, we could transform our work into a party and have a potluck to cap off the day!

Pam Jelineo has been cleaning some badly stained chairs on the chancel and will be there to lead the way. Mondays worked well for school bag sewing, so initially we'll consider gathering on September 9, 16, 23, or 30.

Since the Jelineos will be traveling over the next several weeks, please contact the church office if you can help and let us know what days you would be available for this celebration cleaning.

Thank you!

Make a Joyful Song

On **August 25**, singers of all ages are invited to prepare and present an anthem for the Sunday worship service. You don't have to be a member of the choir to participate. Join us for rehearsal at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary to practice the piece to be sung during the offering.



Final Listening Session on Worship

Pastor Allison, the Worship Planning Team, and other leaders in the church are in conversation about how worship at St. Andrew may expand, evolve, and deepen in the coming years. This Sunday from 11:00 am–12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, will be our final Listening Session where we will discuss questions like:

- What is the most meaningful part of our St. Andrew worship services for you? What impact does it have on you and on your life?
- What do you long for in a worship experience? What would feed your spirit?
- What do you hope the worship service will *do* within you and within our community?
- What assumptions do you carry about how worship should be that might get in the way of listening for where the Holy Spirit is leading our congregation?

Please bring an open mind, a willingness to be reflective, and curiosity about the deeper need that underlies both your own worship desires and the desires of others.

New Member Sunday

Our next New Member Sunday is scheduled for **September 8!** If you are considering the possibility of joining St. Andrew, please contact Pr. Allison at pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com. She'd love to get to know you, give you an overview of the St. Andrew community, and answer any questions you have.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Butch (friend)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Sharon Fako
Family and friends of Steve (brother-in-law)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Mary Smith
Doreen L. (friend)	Healing and recovery	LeeAnne Knapp
Jennifer Shaw (sister-in-law)	Comfort, strength, and healing	LeeAnne Knapp
Doug Morrell (father)	Strength, healing, and recovery	Amy Harker
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Those facing ongoing illness or distress Tandy Brooks, Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Vic Claar, Sabrina Garrison, Gary Grafwallner, Gary Magnuson, Hugh Mason, Doug Morrell, Rhonda Powell, Jolie Reyna, Shane Throckmorton, Gary Tubbs, Megan Webber	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Blessings on our ministry	Staff
Taiwan Lutheran Church	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran (Sisters)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Shepherd of the Mountains (Sunriver)		
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.

"At the Table with Jesus: Preparing for the Year of Luke"



In the gospel reading, 2024-25 is the Year of St. Luke! Join us as we follow Jesus through the vivid storytelling of the author of the third gospel. We'll explore Lukan emphases: the prominence of women, prayer and worship, Jesus reaching out to excluded ones, riches and poverty, what happens around meals, and Luke's perspective on Salvation. Each week we ask the question: What does this mean for us as we seek to love God and our neighbor?

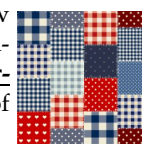
Presenters include Intern Dex Valdex, Pastor Miranda Bermes, retired Professor Mark Allan Powell, Pastor Erika Spaet, PLTS NT Professor Adam Braun, Pastor Matta Ghaly, and Pastor John Reutter-Harrah.

This course will meet on Zoom for eight consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm starting **September 26** (will not meet on Halloween)

Course Participants and/or their congregations are encouraged to support the course with a financial donation as they are able. A gracious giving range of \$20-\$160 is invited; an \$80 donation covers presenters and administrative costs. With four or more from the same congregation, we encourage a congregational donation of \$250. And any donation is appreciated. Register here: <https://forms.gle/rsmV1ESMaQBrTAYZ6>.

Nifty Notters

Is summer going too fast for you? It is for the Nifty Notters! With only a few work sessions to go before the October Ingathering, we've added an additional date for us to meet this month. All hands are welcome to join us on **Saturday, August 31**, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Drop in for any part of the day or pack a lunch and stay the entire time. All supplies are provided.



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De-escalation 101

In response to concerns from almost a dozen congregations, the Oregon Synod is offering a Zoom class on ways to de-escalate difficult interactions with people, either invited or not, on church property. Ushers, volunteers who are often on-site, and other interested individuals are invited to participate on **Wednesday, September 4**, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The session will cover the basics and provide an overview of how we communicate to de-escalate, and how to identify and respond to varying levels of behavior with an emphasis on safety and compassion. The training will be presented by Mikaila Maher, LCSW, who has been providing de-escalation trainings since 2014. Register for this free training at:



<https://tinyurl.com/2bfmw768>.

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, September 1, 2024
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
 Psalm 15
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, August 25

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	Listening Session on Worship with Pastor Allison.....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Monday, August 26—Church Office Closed

9:30 am	LWR School Bag Assembly	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Immigrant Story	Children's Library

Tuesday, August 27

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
12:00 pm	Bridge Group.....	Fellowship Hall
12:15 pm	Earth Care / Community Carbon Leadership Meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal.....	TBD
7:00 pm	Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 28—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
11:00 am	Alzheimer's Support Group.....	St. Andrew Room

Thursday, August 29

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
7:00 pm	Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, August 30

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, August 31

9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, September 1

9:30 am	Outdoor Worship with Communion (also via Zoom)	Sanctuary of the Firs
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
2:00 pm	Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal	Sanctuary



**Memorial Service for
Carol Means**
Saturday, September 21, 2024
2:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Installation of Pastor Allison Bengfort
Save the date!
Saturday, October 19, 2024
10:30 am




followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall


Community Transitional School

All who are interested are invited to join the Service Committee on Tuesday, **September 17**, at 2:30 pm in the Adult Library, when the director of the Community Transitional School will be speaking. The school educates children experiencing homelessness in Portland.

For years, 1.5 percent of funds donated to St. Andrew's operating fund (Ministry + Mission) have been allocated to the Service Committee to distribute to regional charities, such as this school.


The Service Committee meets on a Tuesday afternoon every other month. Church members are invited to join.

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.