

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 11, 2024

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Matching Gift Challenge



Remember when area temperatures climbed into the triple digits at the beginning of July? It was then that the HVAC unit providing climate control for St. Andrew's main suite of church offices died without notice. Since the equipment was installed sometime in the mid-1980s, we weren't surprised. What was surprising, though, was to learn that it would take 30 - 45

days to secure the county permits necessary to install new HVAC equipment. And the cost to do so is just under \$18,000.

Fortunately, an anonymous donor at St. Andrew has offered \$10,000 in matching funds to augment any gift directed to the cost of replacing this equipment. If you're able to give a little more to help the church rebound from this unexpected cost, please do so - and know that your gift will be doubled with the match that's on offer. Simply select [Office HVAC Replacement](#) on the drop-down menu if you give electronically. If you contribute by check, write [Office HVAC Replacement](#) on the memo line.

## Ministry Fair Coming Soon!

Don't miss this year's Ministry Fair on **September 8**, 9:45 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](mailto: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.

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



## Listening Sessions 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. With so many creative possibilities, we would like to ground ourselves in the voice of the Holy Spirit and the needs and longing of our congregation. We would love for you to be part of discerning what worship practices would feed the spiritual life of the St. Andrew community in 2024/25.

During the month of August, Pastor Allison is hosting a congregation-wide conversation on this topic. Each Sunday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, there will be a Listening Session facilitated by Pr. Allison, which is designed to offer our community a space to reflect, share, and listen to one another. 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?

The structure of the sessions will be largely the same each week, but you are encouraged to attend multiple sessions so you can connect and converse with as many different people as possible. 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.



## St. Andrew Youth Talk Worship on New Podcast

On a special new episode of the Andy's Room Podcast, Kyler is joined by Tanner McQueen, Evan McGarvey, Gloria Au, and Lilly Au to talk about all things worship! For years, folks have wanted to know what the youth are looking for in a worship experience, and this podcast delivers the goods. Fresh off their trip to New Orleans, where they experienced a variety of worship services that were all very different from what they've grown up with at St. Andrew, they are excited to share what they learned - about themselves, and about what is possible in church services. Don't judge too quickly - You might be surprised by what you hear! It is special when our youth step up and use their voices. We hope you'll tune in to this episode!

## Nursery Volunteers Needed



Families with young children bring so much joy and countless blessings to our church! These young children spend time in our nursery with our nursery attendant, McKenna. We are looking for volunteers who will help McKenna on Sunday mornings.

Are you looking for some (time-limited) playtime? Please consider volunteering in our nursery! While McKenna takes charge, you serve as her assistant. Commitment is 9:15 am-10:45 am, approximately one Sunday every 8 weeks. The schedule is set 6 months at a time, with plenty of opportunities to swap shifts if your availability changes. You will need to have a background check completed (paid for by the church), but no experience is needed to serve.

If you're interested, please contact Sonja Ackman: 412-320-5672 or [sonja.ackman@gmail.com](mailto:sonja.ackman@gmail.com).

## Safety Plan Task Force

On Sunday, May 26, Spirit of Grace had an incident in which a young man stood up during the children's sermon, confronted the congregation with teaching false doctrine, and refused to leave. After time and support from several community members, and assistance from three Beaverton police officers, he finally left.

Spirit of Grace Pastor Robyn Hartwig alerted other congregations in the Sunset Cluster, describing the encounter and responses by the congregation and police. The same young man, Chase Grijalva, was later arrested in connection with other incidents in downtown Portland; he is currently in jail on 69 counts, including criminal mischief and unlawful use of a weapon.

The St. Andrew Council voted on July 18 to form a small Safety Plan Task Force to reflect on how we at St. Andrew might prepare to respond to such incidents should they occur here. The task force is charged with:

- 1) crafting a written policy to be included in the Disaster Preparedness Manual, and
- 2) developing training/education for the congregation.

Chaired by Council VP Cindy Stadel, the task force includes Council members Chuck Weswig and Lisa Staul; Worship Committee member Libby Calhoun; and Facilities Committee member Rick Leroy.

We at St. Andrew strive to be a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus. We are also called to provide a safe space for all as we break down barriers of isolation. Please hold our congregation and synod—together with the nation as a whole—in prayer as we seek to learn and discern how to be reconciling in Christ in these times of civil disruption.

*Cindy Stadel*

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## Installation of Pastor Allison Bengfort

Save the date!

Saturday, October 19, 2024  
10:30 am

*followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall*



## Fantasy Football Returns to St. Andrew!

Another year of fantasy football looms before us! If you would like to play this year, please send an email to me. Even if you've never played before, this is the perfect league to learn. We're glad to walk you through it! If you're still unsure, read this and then see what you think:



5 reasons why I think you should think fantasy football at St. Andrew is cool . . . even if you don't like football:

- ◆ It lasts! Fantasy football is the longest-running intergenerational event at St. Andrew, generating interaction for more than 4 months each season, and we're now entering season seven.
- ◆ The average age of participants last year was ~30 yrs. old.
- ◆ It reaches a wider community. More than half of fantasy football league members do not regularly engage with St. Andrew outside of fantasy football.
- ◆ Four members of the league last year were between 19-23 years old . . . an often overlooked demographic in our church.
- ◆ The Suzanne Warnes Memorial Trophy. Suzanne loved fantasy football, and played in the first 5 years of our league. She passed away during the football season two years ago, and in her final days she arranged for a family member to take over her team for the rest of the season. Last year was the first time someone else got to pick her favorite QB and Oregon Duck, Justin Herbert. This trophy is in her honor and is on display in the Narthex for anyone who would like to see it.

Let me know if you would like to join.

*Kyler*

## 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 or Saturday 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 September 9, 16, 23, or 30. If it turns out that Saturdays are preferred by most people, we'd be looking at September 7, 14, 21, or 28.

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!

## Sunday Flowers

The flowers on the chancel and at the Sanctuary of the Firs this Sunday have been given to the glory of God by Deacon Susan Reiser in appreciation of all in the congregation who volunteer to serve as worship leaders.



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Carol Means Henry Stevens Doug Morrell (father) Mary Ann Snider	Peace and God's comfort at her death Successful and safe treatment Successful surgery, strength, and healing Comfort and strength for illness	Ron Means Beverly Briggs Amy Harker Mary Smith
Individual friends and loved ones All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Whatever they need Strength and support	Staff Staff
St. Andrew Council Executive Committee Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Sister India Jensen Kerr, all seminarians and theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Peace Lutheran (Burns) Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (Madras)	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](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com), or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

## Collecting School 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 need:

- ◆ Spiral notebooks (70 sheets)
- ◆ Rulers
- ◆ Pencil sharpeners
- ◆ Blunt scissors
- ◆ #2 pencils (unsharpened)
- ◆ Blue or black pens
- ◆ 16- or 24-count crayons
- ◆ Erasers (2-inch size)



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.

## St. Andrew Walks with You

Following Jesus's example of meeting the needs of all people, we, the people of St. Andrew, continue to show God's love to the youth and young adults in our city who are without a home.



Through August, the Service Committee will be collecting NEW ADULT SOCKS for the men and women who stop by Outside In for a meal, a shower, or clothing.

Put your donations in the blue and yellow barrels in the Narthex. And thank you for contributing.

## 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 join us. We will rehearse the anthem at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary to sing during the offering. See Deacon Susan if you're interested in participating. She has copies of the music if you'd like to look at it in advance.

## Carol Means Memorial

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024  
2:00 pm in the Sanctuary



## 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.

## St. Andrew Contacts

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## Preparing for Worship Sunday, August 18, 2024

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
John 6:51-58



## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Sunday, August 11

- 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
- 10:00 am The Immigrant Story ..... Children's Library
- 10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel
- 11:00 am Listening Session on Worship with Pastor Allison ..... Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Twirlers Meeting/Practice ..... St. Andrew Room/Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 pm Little Opera House of Portland Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

### Monday, August 12—Church Office Closed

- 6:00 pm The Immigrant Story ..... Children's Library
- 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room
- 7:00 pm Men's Book Club ..... Offsite

### Tuesday, August 13

- 7:00 am Men's Gathering and Bible Study ..... Elmer's Restaurant on 158<sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
- 7:00 am Sunrise Women ..... Elmer's Restaurant on 158<sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
- 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 Little Opera House of Portland Rehearsal ..... Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, August 14—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) and [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com).

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

### Thursday, August 15

- 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 Council Meeting ..... Fellowship Hall/via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Little Opera House of Portland Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

### Friday, August 16

- 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, August 17

- 9:00 am Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am Stewardship Team Meeting ..... via Zoom

### Sunday, August 18

- 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 Little Opera House of Portland Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary



**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 McMenamans  
5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland


### 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.