

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 4, 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 that week that the HVAC unit providing climate control for St. Andrew's main suite of church offices died without notice. Since the equipment was installed 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.

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

Listening Sessions on Worship

Dear People of St. Andrew,
I am so happy to be settling into my role as Lead Pastor! I am truly enjoying getting to know this wonderful community through worship, one-on-one conversations, team meetings, and other gatherings. Thank you for your warm welcome and supportive comments during this time!

As you know, St. Andrew's new mission statement identifies praising the Spirit in vibrant worship as one of our primary values. During the call process, the Call Team shared a desire for me to lead the congregation in continuing to explore, experiment, and expand the way we worship to feed the souls of people from a variety of backgrounds. Instead of imposing my own ideas and preferences on the congregation, I would like to begin a congregation-wide conversation about worship that offers the opportunity for us to reflect, share, and listen to one another.



During the month of August, I will be hosting a listening session on worship each Sunday from 11:00 am-12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The sessions will include conversations in pairs as well as in the large group, and we will focus on 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 I encourage you to attend multiple sessions so you can connect and converse with as many different people as possible.

For many of us, worship inhabits a tender place in our hearts, and it takes courage to share that tenderness with one another. I promise to do my best to create a space where we can all hold one another's hearts with love.

In Christ,
Pastor Allison

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are so blessed to have families with young children and they bring so much joy 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

The Olympics and Climate Change



Many of us have been watching the Olympics recently, some people with a passion for a particular sport or athlete, while others randomly surf TV channels to drop in on a potpourri of events. This Olympic year, people have also shown interest in the venues being used—is the Seine safe for swimming? Why doesn't the Olympic Village have air conditioning?

That last question opened up a field of inquiry for a couple of BBC reporters (Isabelle Gerretsen and Miriam Quick) who set about comparing conditions from 1924, the last year that Paris hosted the games, to this summer precisely a century later. Athletes were affected by heat 100 years ago, but it's gotten worse.

	1924	2024
CO ₂ Levels	305 ppm	419 ppm
# of Hot Days (above 77F)	29	86
# of Scorching Days (above 86F)	2	26
Tropical Nights (when temps stay above 68F)	5	85

Average Paris temperatures during the period of the summer Olympics have climbed 5.6F since 1924.

Clearly, there's a new game in town. Heat not only diminishes an athlete's ability to perform, but it also changes cognitive function—leading to irritability, difficulty in making complex decisions, decreased mood, reduced motivation, and agitation. Professional athletes participating in outdoor sports must train in sweltering conditions to be competitive while also trying to protect their health.

But there is good news, too. Air pollution in the City of Light is estimated to have been about 110 micrograms per cubic meter in 1924 compared to 19 micrograms today. That's a five-fold reduction, indicating that our decisions and actions truly do impact the world around us.

Information in this article is from the BBC newsletter, Future Earth.

Carol Harker
Earth Care Team

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

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.

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 different worship services that were all very different from what they've grown up with at St. Andrew, they are very excited to share with you 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 everyone tunes in to this episode!



Preparing for Evacuation

Fires, flooding, landslides, volcanic eruptions. All of these have affected the Pacific Northwest in the past 50 years. In some cases, people have had a day or two to prepare, while other situations require immediate evacuation. If you're ready to go when disaster comes close to home, you'll have some peace of mind.

Here's what you need to do:

1. Plan how you'll leave and where you'll go if advised to evacuate.
2. Identify several places you could go in an emergency. A friend's home outside your area, a motel. Choose destinations in different directions so you have options.
3. If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept pets.
4. Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
5. Follow instructions of local officials. Depending on the type of disaster, your route may be on foot.
6. Assemble a "go-bag" to carry when you evacuate on foot, by bicycle, or by public transportation. Store larger supplies for traveling in your personal vehicle.

Three Kinds of Emergency Kits

- 1. Under-Bed Kit** (to help you get out of the house if it's damaged)
Sturdy shoes, heavy gloves, protective eyewear, N95 dust mask, hard hat or bike helmet, flashlight, whistle, HELP/OK sign, neighborhood map, contact list
- 2. Go Bag** (survival essentials for 1-2 days)
Every family member or pet needs one customized to individual needs. Water and food, head and face protection, hand and feet protection, medicines and first aid, communication devices, cash (small bills and coins), list of emergency numbers, copy of family emergency plan, personal hygiene kit (including heavy duty trash bags), flashlight and whistle



- 3. Evacuation Kit** (with supplies and tools to help you survive for 3 days-2 weeks)
This is the larger disaster preparedness kit we're assembling over the course of a year.

To learn more about the three kinds of emergency kits, check out the Neighbors Ready! website:

<https://www.neighborsready.org/go-bags.html>

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 Three, August 2024

To Do:

- Identify family meet-up locations.
- Develop home evacuation plans.

To Collect:

- 3 gallons water*
- 3 cans ready-to-eat protein* (tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Energy bars
- 3 cans fruit*
- 1 box crackers
- Paper plates
- Playing cards
- Plastic container for personal items

*Multiply by the number of people in your household.

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.

In Need of Prayers...

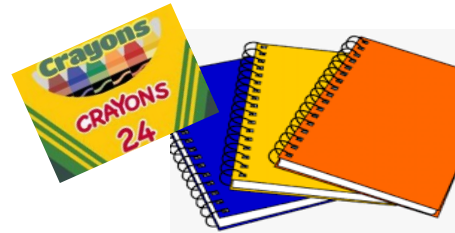
<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Carol Means	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Ron Means
Family and friends of Nina Allred Self (niece)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Pat Hilliker
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Comfort and strength for final cancer treatment	Judy Scholz
Michelle (cousin's wife)	Healing, strength and courage for breast cancer	Wendy Hawthorne
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 Oregon Synod and Staff	Strength and wisdom	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
Nativity Lutheran (Bend) Grace First Lutheran (Bend) Church of Living Waters (Burns)	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.

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.

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.

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 **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. Supplies are provided.

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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, August 11, 2024

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
John 6:35, 41-51

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, August 4

- 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

Monday, August 5—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, August 6

- 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 Meals on Wheels Off Site
 10:00 am Worship Planners..... Library
 12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall
 5:30 pm HR Meetingvia Zoom
 6:00 pm Columbia Willamette Faceters’ Guild Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Scout Troop 198..... Children’s Commons
 7:00 pm Adult Education Team Meeting Library
 7:00 pm Safety Plan Task Force Children’s Library
 7:00 pm Connections Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, August 7—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, August 8

- 10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Chapel, Library
 5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting.....via Zoom
 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class..... Children’s Commons

Friday, August 9

- 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 10

- 11:00 am Stewardship Committee Meetingvia Zoom

Sunday, August 11

- 9:30 am **In-Person 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
 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 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 McMenamins

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.

Fran Miller

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 June 30th, 2024

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 7/27/2024

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

M&M Giving is 108% of FYTD budget and 97% of monthly budget.

Expenses are 94% of FYTD budget.

Principal-Only Payment for Mortgage: \$7,350 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	110	76		186		
Monthly Total	551	380		931	\$ 48,100	\$ 10,394

*YouTube data available for two Sundays only. To Meet Budget \$ 49,357 \$ 5,013

97%

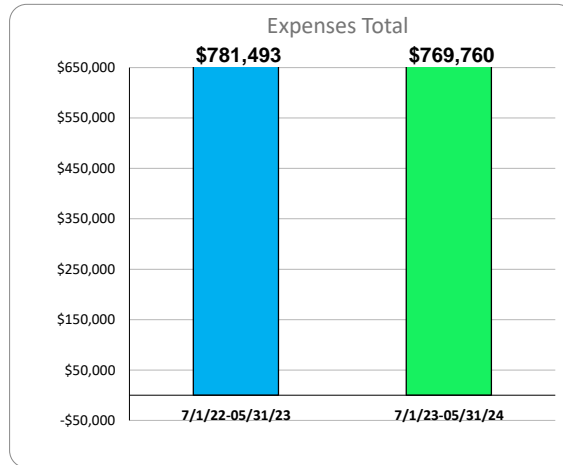
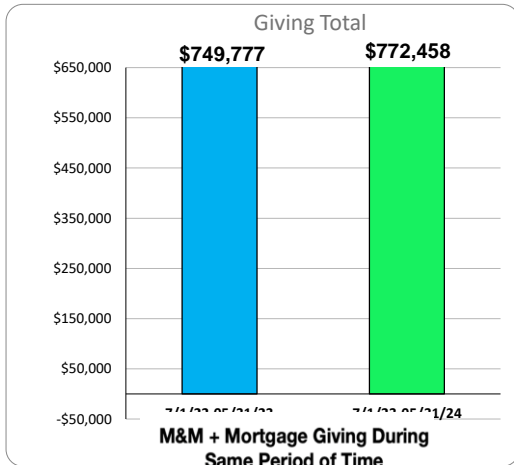
3 Main Funds: Current Status

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	\$ 592,255	\$ 639,644	108%	
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 676,256	\$ 635,450	94%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2023-2024	\$ 132,805	\$ 134,310	\$ 35,116	\$ 249,898	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 74,150	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	\$ 17,411	\$ 2,662	\$ 27,258	

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2023



FINANCE TEAM:

Co-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	\$ 749,777
7/1/23-05/31/24	\$ 772,458
7/1/22-05/31/23	\$ 781,493
7/1/23-05/31/24	\$ 769,760

** Mortgage giving/expense included