

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 15, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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LWR Fall Ingathering Volunteer Opportunities

We are preparing for our next Lutheran World Relief Ingathering and there are two opportunities for you to volunteer!



October 22, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, we will be assembling school kits and baby kits. We will also be packing the kits and quilts made by the Nifty Notters into boxes to get them ready to ship to LWR. This is a great event for families. There is still a need for supplies for the kits. Please reference the article below this one for more information about donations still needed.

We also need volunteers to help with the actual Ingathering on **Friday, October 25**, and **Saturday, October 26**. On Friday, volunteers have their choice of a 2-hour shift between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. On Saturday, we need volunteers to staff a single three-hour shift starting at 9:00 am.

The Ingathering takes place in the St. Andrew parking lot near the community garden. We have two types of volunteer assignments:

- * Loading the shipping container. Boxes can weigh up to 40 pounds.
- * Greeting vehicles as churches drop off their donations.

The box you help load at the Ingathering will go to make a difference in the lives of refugees around the world. The need is especially great right now considering all of the catastrophic events affecting people right now.

To volunteer, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Rochelle McIntire directly by phone at 503-804-7967 or by email at pacificnwlrwgroupp@gmail.com.

Collecting Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Please help us prepare for the LWR Ingathering in October by donating items we still need:

- ◆ 14 Spiral notebooks (70 sheets)
- ◆ 100 Pencil sharpeners

Please leave your donations in the box labeled LWR in the Narthex. Thank you.



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

Adult Education Classes Begin

As we enter a new program year here at St. Andrew, we have two opportunities for adult spiritual formation this term:



"The Book of Romans," taught by Steve Christiansen in the St. Andrew Room. Shaping Christian theology for centuries, Romans addresses issues that are as relevant today as they were in the first century, from understanding the nature of the gospel to exploring themes of salvation and righteousness. In this class, find a deeper understanding of Paul's teachings and their timeless significance.

"St. Andrew Core Values," taught by Tira Nessel in Fellowship Hall. We are called to do God's work in the world, to serve our neighbors and our community, and to be faithful stewards of God's creation. "God's work, our hands." This class will focus on the many ways and opportunities at St. Andrew to carry out God's work with our hands, and explore how and why we are called to do this work.



Both classes begin this **Sunday, September 15**, at 11:00 am.

The Roots Begins

Our Sunday program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, The Roots, begins again this **Sunday, September 15**. The September rotations will focus on the second chapter of Genesis. The first story about people in the Bible asks some of faith's most important questions:

- Who is God? Who are we?
- Why didn't God make us perfect?
- What happens when we disobey God?
- What does God want?
- Will we ever get back to paradise?



Jesus taught us not to sit back passively and wait for a new paradise. Rather, he gave us the vision of a paradise called the kingdom of God, which can pop up in this world in small ways, such as through acts of kindness and compassion. Like Adam and Eve helped take care of Creation, so we too are to help take care of it, and help God restore Creation to God's beautiful plan.

September 15 – After hearing the story of Adam and Eve, we will then create our views of the Garden of Eden with a "wax resist" painting project inspired by the art of Canadian landscape painter Ted Harrison.

September 22 – We will go on a scavenger hunt in and around our church to see if our congregation has made good choices in caring for our world. Then we'll prepare a "Caring for Creation Card Pack" that kids can play at home to encourage others to appreciate and care for Creation in specific ways.

MACG Delegate Assembly

St. Andrew is a member of MACG, Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good. MACG works to identify and address issues that are common to many people in the metro area.



DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

SEPTEMBER 22, 3-5 PM

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

We also support member institutions through leadership development and strengthening a relational culture within the institution. As a member of the St. Andrew Lutheran Church family, you are invited and encouraged to be a delegate to the next Delegate Assembly on **Sunday, September 22**, from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at St. Andrew Catholic Church in NE Portland. Delegates from member institutions in the tri-county area will gather to learn about the transformation MACG is experiencing, make decisions about the direction of the organization, and renew or form new relationships with other delegates and leaders. Please join us! St. Andrew Catholic Church is located at 806 NE Alberta St., Portland, Oregon 97211. We generally have a group from our St. Andrew in attendance, so you will see friends there. Please RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/mvz44n5m>. Questions? Talk to a member of our Connections Team: Sonja Ackman, Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, or Jan Smith.

Planning a Women's Retreat

So many wonderful ideas percolated at this year's Ministry Fair. One point of interest that kept coming up was a desire to have another Women's Retreat next spring in Fellowship Hall. Would you be interested? Share your interest and help us plan by contacting Sharon Fako.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



I just returned home from donating 674 pairs of new socks for Outside In. On behalf of this wonderful organization, they wish to express their gratitude to the people of St. Andrew for their amazing kindness in supporting them with meeting the needs of the young people in our community. Thank you again.

Bonnie Bliesner
Service Committee



Installation of Pastor Allison Bengfort

Save the date!

Saturday, October 19, 2024
10:30 am



Western Farm Workers Collection

Each year, the Service Committee collects clothing and food donations for the Western Farmer Workers Association. These are the people who toil in the fields to plant, weed, and pick the fresh produce we enjoy. During growing seasons, they typically work 12-hour days, seven days a week.

The clothing items most needed this year are:

- Coats for winter weather
- Rain gear - raincoats and pants
- Fleece coats & jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweaters
- Long-sleeve work shirts
- T-shirts
- Work pants
- Jeans
- Work boots



All clothing must be new or gently used, in good repair, and CLEAN. Please, no pajamas or swimsuits.

In addition to clothing, Western Farm Workers need the following non-perishable items for their food pantry:

- Tuna
- Beans
- Rice
- Peanut butter
- Jam
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Cooking oil



Please place the clothing items inside the barrel in the Narthex. The food items may be placed in bags or boxes near (but not inside) the barrel. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Susan. Thank you!

Aging with Grace

"Aging with Grace," a Small Faith Group from Holy Trinity Catholic Church, will be holding their next meeting here at St. Andrew! This event is open to the public, and is an exciting opportunity to hear from orthopedic physician's assistant Barry Jacoshenk. Barry works at the Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center near Good Samaritan Hospital in NW Portland. Here's a few words from Barry about the content of his talk:

"Many of us falsely believe that as we get older we just have to accept certain realities like becoming less independent, frail, weak, and insignificant. This does not need to be, however, and I'd like to show you how. I have been a practicing PA in the field of orthopedic surgery here in Portland for over 20 years. I have had the pleasure of taking care of thousands of patients who have sustained some kind of injury due to a fall that was avoidable. I want to empower you with ideas and tools to grow stronger and resilient so you can live longer, healthier lives. Come and join me on the journey toward continued independence and thriving health."

You are invited to this important talk here in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, September 20**, at 1:00 pm. If you have any questions, or would like more information about this group, you can email Hilary Hutchinson at hilaryhutch@yahoo.com.

Climate Optimism; the Growth of Clean Energy Technology, by Kingsmill Bond

The exponential growth of clean energy technologies over the last ten years was a shock to conventional wisdom, but this analyst predicted it. His name is Bond. Kingsmill Bond. Kingsmill Bond is a senior principal at the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), where he analyzes the ongoing clean energy revolution. His RMI reports are available at renewablerevolution.substack.com if you want to learn more. Below are excerpts from a Kingsmill Bond interview.

The Cleantech Revolution. One of the core insights of “The Cleantech Revolution” is that technologies beat commodities on costs: you can keep learning how to make solar panels better and better, but fossil fuels stay the same. Carbon deposits laid down 300 million years ago are not suddenly going to have more energy per liter, but batteries will continue to improve their energy density. We’re constantly seeing more innovation in cleantech. And small modular technologies continue to fall in price.

The Era of Peaking Fossil Fuels Is Here. If you look at countries leading the growing energy transition, renewables start by simply supplying the growth. But eventually they get large enough to start to push fossil fuels out of the system. In the US and Europe, as solar and wind come into the system, they initially pushed coal and are now increasingly pushing gas out of the electricity system. It’s normal to see new technologies replace old technologies. How many gas lamps are there lighting our streets? Not many, because electricity is just much easier. It would be very strange for a technology which is cheaper, local, and less polluting *not* to push out the old, more expensive, and polluting technology.

China. On a global level, 90% of the new energy capacity that’s being built is cleantech. There are unbelievable numbers coming out of China in recent months. Their carbon emissions may have peaked last year.

They’ve hit their 2030 emissions target 6 years early. EVs passed 50% of new cars sold. All new steelmaking projects approved in China use electric arc furnaces. China leads the World in EVs, batteries, and production of clean energy technologies. It’s not surprising because China lacks oil and gas. If you’re a country that lacks oil and gas and you want to be energy independent, you want to use your local energy resources. In China, that means coal, solar, and wind electrification.

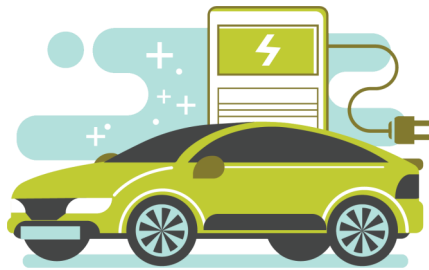
India. India is currently a massive importer of oil, gas, and coal. Like China, they lack fossil fuel resources, but they have massive renewable resources; 70 times as much renewable potential as fossil fuel production. For India, because costs have fallen so much, it makes sense to deploy solar and wind for electricity generation and to electrify their end-use sectors as quickly as possible. The largest solar park in the World is in India; Bhadla Solar Park has 56 kilometers of solar panels. India is also home to Pavagada Ultra Mega Solar Park, which has 53 kilometers of solar panels. Like China, India is making great strides toward clean energy independence, but they got a slower start than China did.



Global South Countries. In countries like Pakistan, where the grid is unreliable, we’re seeing very rapid uptake of rooftop solar as people seek reliable power. Countries in the Global South are importing cheap solar panels from China, giving individual households the freedom to get electricity. These solar panels are also giving businesses the capacity to get cheap and constant flows of electricity, and giving utilities new tools to work with. Across the Global South, the capital cost of deploying cleantech is falling to below the capital cost of buying fossil fuel infrastructure. That means a pivotal moment is coming, in one country after the next, where it makes sense not merely from the climate and the energy independence perspective, but also from the economic and even the capital perspective to deploy these clean energy technologies.

33% of the Global South has already seen peak fossil fuel demand, which happened as long ago as 2007. And, possibly most surprisingly, 20% of the Global South has already leapfrogged the US and the West in terms of deployment of clean energy technologies. The Global South is not an impediment to the energy transition. Mr. Bond believes it will end up being a driver of it.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team



Postcards for Democracy

Many thanks to Liz Hardy, who initiated a Get-Out-the-Vote postcard writing campaign at St. Andrew last April. At least 18 others have helped her in the intervening months, writing people all over the country to encourage them to vote in elections, particularly the upcoming November election.

Democracies depend on citizen participation to flourish, so the goal is to engage as many qualified voters as possible to mark their ballots and help determine the future of our country, state, and local governments.

Since April, Liz has distributed 1,105 Get-Out-the-Vote postcards at St. Andrew for people to take home to write. During the Ministry Fair this past Sunday, she distributed postcards to nine people, including Pastor Allison and one of our new members.

So far, Liz has written and sent out 585 postcards, Cindy Stadel has done at least 200, many people have completed 20, with others having completed even more. The purpose of the campaign is not to tell people how to vote, but rather to encourage them to exercise their right to vote.

As Liz puts it, “Let’s do this thing!” If you would like to participate, please contact Liz Hardy by texting her at 360-632-4900 or emailing elisabethhardy6@gmail.com.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Cheryl Earl (aunt) Dessiree Sutton	Peace and God's comfort at her death Protection from wildfires	Sister India Jensen Kerr Rebecca Uecker
Henry Stevens (husband) Camille Jackson	Healing and recovery Healing and recovery	Beverly Briggs Camille Jackson
Joyce Bianucci (sister) Michelle (cousin-in-law)	Healing and peace Comfort, courage, and strength	Judy Scholz Wendy Hawthorne
Janet Shaw (mother) Joanne Zenger	Comfort, strength, and support Comfort and healing	Lee Anne Knapp Joanne Zenger
Velma (friend) Sue Heiden	Comfort and healing Comfort and healing	Sonja Ackman Sue Heiden
Dave Bumgardner Those affected by suicide	Comfort and peace Comfort and strength	Dave Bumgardner Allison Katsuftrakis
Individual friends and loved ones All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Whatever they need Strength and support	Staff Staff
Those confined to their homes Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Marlene Maxwell, Anne Newell, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Sharon Roth	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Holy Trinity Catholic Church	Blessings on their work Blessings on their work	Staff Staff
Christ the King Lutheran (Milton-Freewater)	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.

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, September 22**, at 3:00 pm to discuss the book, *Solito*, by Javier Zamorra. Mary Smith will lead the discussion at the home of Sharon Fako: 14770 SW Forest Drive, Beaverton, OR.



The author, Javier Zamorra, is an immigrant from El Salvador. When he was nine years old he made the very long trek through Guatemala and Mexico to join his parents in the U.S. An unaccompanied minor, he walked and rode with groups of immigrants, enduring some very difficult times. The true story is told from the point of view of the little nine-year-old boy who made this treacherous journey. It is an amazing story, and no matter how you feel about immigration issues, you will be moved by the bravery of this little boy.

Please note, we will not be meeting in October. Future reading:

November 10

Book: *The Measure*, by Nikki Erlick
Location: Mary Smith's home
Discussion Leader: Susan Werner Reiser

December 8

Book: *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah
Location: Fran Miller's home
Dianna Carlson helping with refreshments
Discussion Leader: Fran Miller

In January, we will be discussing the book *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity*, by Robert P. Jones. Date, location, and discussion leader are TBA.

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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>.



Thank you!

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 22, 2024

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a
Psalm 54
Mark 9:30-37

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, September 15

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 Ed: St. Andrew Core Values	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Adult Ed: The Book of Romans	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Confirmation Classes for Middle School Youth	Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group	Youth Room
11:00 am	The Roots	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
2:00 pm	Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 16—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 17

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
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Installation Planning Meeting	St. Andrew Room
1:30 pm	Service Committee	Library
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 18—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with Sr. India	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, September 19

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	Library
7:00 pm	Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 20

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Aging with Grace: Journey Toward Continued Independence	Fellowship Hall


Saturday, September 21

2:00 pm	Carol Means Memorial	Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall
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1:00 pm	Twirlers Meeting & Practice	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
2:00 pm	Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall

DATE CHANGE: Nifty Notters


 We'll be meeting this **Saturday, September 14**, in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Drop in for any part of the day or pack a lunch and stay the entire time! All supplies are provided and all hands are welcome. We will not meet on September 21.


New Photo Directories

Our new church photo directories have arrived! 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.**



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 July 31, 2024

Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Report Date 8/28/2024

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew.
Expenses are 100% of FYTD budget.

Principal-Only Payment for Mortgage: \$0 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	93	111	no data	204		
Monthly Total	279	332	no data	611	\$ 35,429	\$ 7,338

Data is for three Sundays only. To Meet Budget \$ 48,333 \$ 5,013

It does not include worship in Sanctuary of the Firs.

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3 Main Funds: Current Status

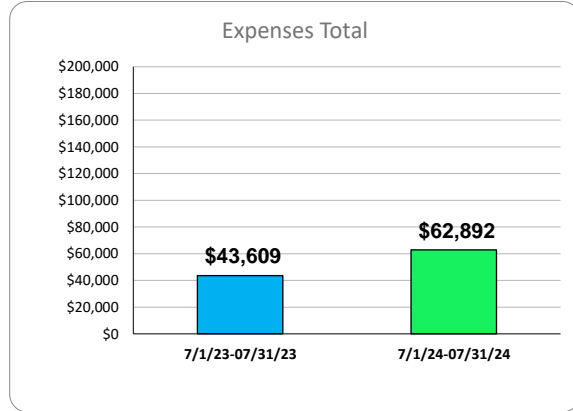
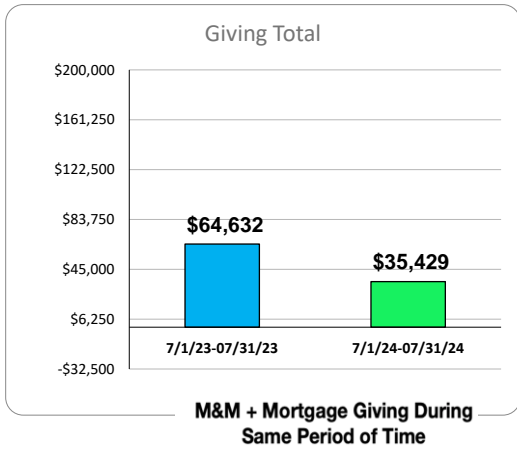
Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.
		FYTD \$	% of FYTD Budget	
Giving FY 2024-2024	\$ 48,333	\$ 35,429	73%	
Expenses FY 2024-2025	\$ 58,104	\$ 57,879	100%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2024-2025	\$ 7,338	\$ 5,013	\$ 36,612	\$ 245,995	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments			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			\$ 90,920	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 2,240	\$ 9,000	\$ 25,858	

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2024

* \$9,000 expense was down payment for Office HVAC replacement



FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Tim Duggan, Joel Johnson
 Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari
 Financial Secretaries: Jim McGarvey, Sonya Lister, Ruth Baker
 St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho
 Parish Executive: Carol Harker

7/1/23-07/31/23	\$ 64,632
7/1/24-07/31/24	\$ 35,429
7/1/23-07/31/23	\$ 43,609
7/1/24-07/31/24	\$ 62,892

** Mortgage giving/expense included