

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

September 8, 2024

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Churchwide Ministry Fair Sunday!

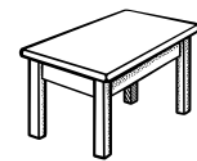
Come and see! Join us after worship and check out what is happening at St. Andrew. What tugs at your heartstrings? What do you see that leads you to think, "I would love to be a part of THAT"? What can you tell others about how St. Andrew lives out its core values of God Care, Earth Care, Neighbor Care, Self Care, and Community Care?



More than 20 ministry teams want to talk with you about what they are up to and how you can be a part of it. Each team will have a question to ask you, or a task to perform, which will earn you a stamp, sticker, or signature on your Scavenger Hunt form. They may even have a small treat to share. If you are able to learn about 10 ministry teams, you may choose a Bronze Level treat. Receive 15 stamps, stickers, or signatures and choose a treat from the Silver Level group. Are you able to learn about 20 teams? You may choose from the Gold Level treats. Be sure to pick up your Scavenger Hunt form after worship. Where are you being called to serve?

The St. Andrew MACG Connections Team is looking forward to helping you make a connection to the ministry teams that make your heart sing. All of our teams would be stronger if YOU were involved. Questions? Contact any members of the Connections Team: Sonja Ackman, Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Connie Losk, Lynn Santelmann, or Jan Smith.

## Attention Ministry Fair Teams



If your team has reserved a spot for this year's Ministry Fair, there will be a table waiting for you. We will be setting up on **Saturday, September 7** from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, so feel free to come by and get things ready. Or, plan to come to church early and set up your table before worship.

Look for your team name on a table and set it up in a way that suits you. Remember to have a task to perform or a question to answer, plus a stamp, sticker, or pen ready to put a signature on the Scavenger Hunt forms. And make plans for someone to take over for you so that you can check out the rest of the tables.



**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, they 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!

## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Brad & Martha Ragan in celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to Brad & Martha!

If you would like to enhance our worship space by giving flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



## MACG Wrestling Listening & Visioning Session

MACG is excited to share that its Wrestling Listening and Visioning Session will be on **Thursday, September 12**, hosted by Spirit of Grace.

Please join all those who have participated in the Wrestling with Colonization Training for an important time together to *listen* to one another:

- What have we learned?
- How have we been changed?
- How have our institutions been impacted?
- What actions and visions are we being drawn to?

And out of that listening, we *vision*:

- How could MACG partner with Native organizations to realize shared visions grounded in Native-led priorities?
- What are the steps MACG can take even during this Transformational Year to move toward deeper partnership around shared visions?

This event will be held at:

Spirit of Grace  
7400 SW Scholls Ferry Rd.  
Beaverton, OR 97008

You're invited to attend a potluck beginning at 5:00 pm, or just come for the listening and visioning session from 5:45 pm – 7:45 pm. If you're planning to attend, please RSVP at:

<https://forms.gle/8tMBcHdUPVWmZZ297>

Thank you to the Spirit of Grace Wrestlers for hosting this event!

## 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*

## 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.**

## 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.



## 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. You can reference the article before 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 currently occurring.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can contact Rochelle McIntire directly by phone at 503-804-7967 or by email at [pacificnlwrgroup@gmail.com](mailto:pacificnlwrgroup@gmail.com).

## Dear Postcard Writing Friends,

I have been keeping track of which St. Andrew folks have written Get-Out-The-Vote postcards, and there are 18 of us! It's not too late to join the fun.

Did you know that you can deduct the cost of your stamps or any other expenses related to sending postcards as a charitable donation for your 2024 taxes? Make a list of all the stamps you have purchased and the dates. I will have to go back through my bank statements to make my list of stamps and when I bought them. I will also be deducting the cost of all the cards I have purchased.

As a reminder, please be aware of the mailing dates for your postcards. Deadlines are quickly approaching, with some due to be mailed by the end of September.

I have heard from several of you that you have been donating money to campaigns. I learned recently that there are good and not-so-good ways to donate money for the election. For example, you should not donate to candidates simply because you like them. They may not need the money. Some candidates receive far more money than they will ever need, while others do not have adequate resources for their own campaigns. You should not donate to folks who send you text messages or emails. Instead, you should donate to organizations you trust that know which candidates or which issues need the most financial support. Just let me know if you want more information.

A final note: To cut back on the number of unwanted texts, just reply with the word "stop."

Only 59 days from Sunday until the election!

*Liz Hardy*



## New Member Sunday

Please join us for worship this **Sunday, September 8** as we welcome and affirm six new members to the St. Andrew community:



**Knute Anderson** (he/him) was born Lutheran in New York City. He has lived in many different places, including Sweden, Germany, Canada, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Kansas, and California; and he has worked in many different areas, including economics, planning, and patent license agreements. His wife, Diane, is Catholic, and they raised their two sons in the Catholic Church. Knute lives at The Springs in Hillsboro and visits his wife at a care facility every day. He is happy to be joining a Lutheran Church once again.



**Ira Schab** (he/him) was born in Chicago, IL, on July 4, 1920. He is 104 years old and is hoping to make it to 113! He was a musician his whole life playing in dozens of bands, including 8 years as a tuba player in the Navy. He was on the USS Dobbin during Pearl Harbor and survived to tell the tale. After the Navy, he worked as an engineer, including for the Apollo program at NASA. He has 5 children, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. He has been Lutheran for decades and is happy to have found a Lutheran Church close to his house.

**Bill** (he/him) and **Sharon** (she/her) **Roos** (pronounced "Rose") have been married for almost 64 years. They are Minnesota natives who moved to Hillsboro last October to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law. Most of their working years were spent in Missoula, Montana. Bill was active in church administration in the Montana and Minneapolis synods of the ELCA. Sharon has been making quilts for needy people since the 1990s, the last 18 years for homeless shelters.



**Sam** (he/him) and **Emily** (she/her) **Staat** are lifelong Oregonians who met at the University of Oregon. They got married after grad school and are both high school social studies teachers. Outside of work, Sam roots the Seattle Mariners (a tough loyalty, for sure!) and challenges himself to listen to as many new albums as he can each year. Emily enjoys swimming, theme parties, and embroidery. They have a busy toddler, Nolan, who lights up their world! Nolan is currently obsessed with bicycles and making animal noises. The Staat family is excited to call St. Andrew their new church home and look forward to meeting everyone!



We welcome these new members and look forward to getting to know them.

## Getting Out of Your Home

If we want to be ready for almost any eventuality, we must consider the possibility that disaster could strike at night and might even damage our home or apartment. It doesn't have to be anything as cataclysmic as an earthquake to make us want to get out of the house. Last winter several members of the congregation needed to leave their homes when trees laden with ice poked through roofs. What would you do if this happened to you?

Experts recommend we all keep essentials such as eyeglasses, cell phone, car keys, and hearing aids in a bed caddy or pocket that can be easily reached when we're awakened and know we need to do something. It's at times like these that we need an Under-Bed Kit stocked to help us get out safely.

Here's what to put in an Under-Bed Kit:



- Sturdy shoes
- Heavy gloves
- Protective eyewear
- N95 dusk mask
- Hard hat or bike helmet
- Flashlight
- Whistle
- First aid kit
- HELP/OK sign
- Neighborhood map
- Contact list



Equipped with those essentials, we could see where we're going, walk over broken glass, protect our heads and hands from damage, and even signal we need help.

Based on circumstances, we should also add to or adapt the essentials for our own unique situations. Throw a leash into the bag if you have a dog to evacuate. A small tent and sleeping bag could shelter you overnight until help arrives, especially if you live far from others. If you have young children, toss in a stuffed animal or two to provide comfort.

Abundant online resources offer many ideas for containers to hold your under-bed kit and what to include in it. You may decide to make a kit for each member of the family. While your own might include all of the safety items listed above, kits for children could be stored in a pillowcase that even a youngster could carry pretty easily.

## Responding While on the Road/at Work

If you're on the road or at work when you must respond to a disaster, it can be helpful to have a Go Kit in your car, too. Even a winter snowstorm can interrupt your travel and put you at risk. Or, if you're away from your family and need to check on their safety, having a kit in the car can provide some assurance you'll have what you need to get to them. Things to consider for your Car Go Kit:

- Water
- Non-perishable food
- Basic first-aid kit
- Flashlight
- Sturdy shoes and gloves
- Road flare kit
- Compass and whistle
- Local and area maps



# 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 Four, September 2024

### To Do:

- Practice home evacuation plans.
- Locate and identify utility shutoffs.

### To Collect:

- Pain reliever
- Thermometer
- Hand soap
- Aluminum (non-sparking) wrench to shut off utilities
- Fire extinguisher
- Utility 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.

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Cheryl Earl (aunt)	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Sister India Jensen Kerr
Family and friends of Doug Morrell	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Carol Harker
Dessiree Sutton	Protection from wildfires	Rebecca Uecker
Alex Vischer	Definitive diagnosis, healing, and recovery	Pastor Laurie Newman
Amy Fiegenbaum	Healing and strength	Amy Fiegenbaum
Peter Persing	Healing and recovery	Warren & Donna McAlpine
Henry Stevens (husband)	Healing and recovery	Beverly Briggs
Stacy Mann (daughter)	Comfort, strength, and healing	Jerry Entrikin
Donna (friend)	Comfort, healing, and support	Gretchen Bancroft
Janet Shaw (mother)	Comfort, strength, and support	Lee Anne Knapp
Joanne Zenger	Comfort and healing	Joanne Zenger
Velma (friend)	Comfort and healing	Sonja Ackman
Those affected by suicide	Comfort and strength	Allison Katsufakis
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	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
Zion Lutheran (La Grande)	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.

### “At the Table with Jesus: Preparing for the Year of Luke”



In the gospel reading, 2024-25 is the Year of St. Luke! Join the Oregon Synod Lay School of Theology 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>.

### 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!

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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, September 15, 2024**  
 James 3:1-12  
 Psalm 116:1-9  
 Mark 8:27-38



## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Sunday, September 8

- 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 Churchwide Ministry Fair .....Fellowship Hall, Narthex, Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering ..... Chapel
- 1:00 pm Twirlers Meeting & Practice..... Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
- 2:00 pm Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary

### Monday, September 9—Church Office Closed

- 6:00 pm Immigrant Story ..... Children’s Library
- 7:00 pm Finance Team Meeting ..... Zoom
- 7:00 pm Men’s Book Club ..... Offsite

### Tuesday, September 10

- 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)
- 9:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting ..... St. Andrew Room
- 10:00 am Tai Chi ..... Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal..... Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Light Opera House of Portland Rehearsal ..... Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 11—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).

- 1:00 pm Sanctuary Team Meeting ..... Library
- 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 12

- 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 ..... Fellowship Hall

### Friday, September 13

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

### Saturday, September 14

- 9:00 am Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Stewardship Committee Meeting ..... Zoom

### 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

### DATE CHANGE: Nifty Notters



We’ll be meeting the next two **Saturdays, September 7**, and **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.

### Choir Rehearsals Resume

Bells of Grace and Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume this **Wednesday, September 11**. The handbells will rehearse at 6:00 pm, with choir rehearsal following 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.



## Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship



**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.*



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.