

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 18, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

www.standrewlutheran.com ■ Telephone: 503-646-0629



You are joyfully invited to the
**Installation of
The Rev. Allison Bengfort**
as Lead Pastor of
St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 19, 2024
10:30 am Pacific Time
Charcuterie reception to follow

In person: 12405 SW Butner Road
Beaverton, OR 97005
Online: www.standrewlutheran.com

Pastors/deacons are invited to arrive at 10:00 am
to vest and process. Stole color: rainbow (or green)

Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering

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.



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

Lutheran Disaster Response Hurricane Relief

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a deadly storm, leaving devastation throughout the southeastern United States. The storm caused shocking, dangerous flooding, especially in western North Carolina and Tennessee, washing away whole towns and roads, leaving millions of people without power, and driving thousands from their homes.

Then Hurricane Milton hit Florida as a powerful Category 3 hurricane, bringing storm surge, heavy rains, winds, and tornadoes. Milton is one of the strongest hurricanes to hit the area in decades. Over two dozen people have died, and millions are without electricity. This storm is particularly devastating because many communities are only beginning to recover from Hurricane Helene, which hit the Southeast just two weeks earlier



Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip it to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms, and flooding. These gifts also empower LDR to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

Donations may be given online at: give.elca.org/page/68904. You can also make your check out to “Lutheran Disaster Response” and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116

and write “Where needed most” or “Hurricane Response” on your check’s memo line.

New Books in St. Andrew Library

“Check out” these new titles in our Adult Library:

Non-fiction

- *Setting the Record Straight: American History in Black and White* by David Barton
- *Enter by the Gate: Jesus’ 7 Guidelines When Making Hard Choices* by Flora Slosson Wuellner
- *The Road to Emmaus: Pilgrimage as a Way of Life* by Jim Forest
- *Holy Ground: An Alphabet of Prayer* by Julie K. Aageson

Fiction

- *Watch Over Me* by Christa Parrish
- *One Summer* by David Baldacci
- *Clever Creatures of the Night* by Samantha Mabry
- *Bleeding Kansas* by Sara Paretsky
- *The Widow’s Mite & Other Stories* by Ferrol Sams



Men's Book Club News

The Men's Book Club will meet on **Monday, November 11**, at 7:00 pm to discuss the book, *All the Pretty Horses*, by Cormac McCarthy. The previously announced October session was canceled and rescheduled for the above November date. Tim Holte will host this discussion at his home. This title is also available in the St. Andrew Library.

Future reading:

December 9

Book: *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*, by Daniel James Brown

Host: Ted Miller



January 13

Book: *Voices of a People's History of the United States in the 21st Century: Documents of Hope and Resistance*, by Anthony Arnove and Haley Pessin

Host: Gary Grafwallner

February 10

Book: *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History*, by S. C. Gwynne

Host: Larry Bliesner

Pastor's Project Fund

To support Pastor Allison and give our new lead pastor the opportunity to fund special projects and ministry opportunities, the Finance Team has created a new designated fund: the Pastor's Project Fund. This fund celebrates the new partnership between Pastor Allison and St. Andrew and will allow her to live more fully into her creativity and vision for the church.

Please note that offerings given during the installation service on **Saturday, October 19**, will go to the Pastor's Project Fund. Donors may also select this fund on the drop-down menu if giving electronically through the church website.



In addition, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund has been renamed the Good Samaritan Fund to clarify its purpose and to distinguish it from the new Pastor's Project Fund. Gifts to the Good Samaritan Fund are meant to help people in need who turn to the church for support. Providing emergency financial aid is one way St. Andrew supports the community and focuses assistance on those who are most vulnerable.

Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good Leadership Academy



Go deep on the primary tool of organizing: 1-1 meetings. **Sunday, October 27**, 2:30 pm–5:00 pm, in-person. Registration and details to follow after the venue is confirmed. You can submit an RSVP to receive email updates at macg.org/octla.

Questions? Contact Pat Christiansen, MACG Training Team Co-Chair, or any member of the Connections Team: Pastor Allison, Sonja Ackman, Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Connie Losk, Lynn Santelmann, or Jan Smith.

Book Report on *Watch Over Me*



I have heard that some of you would like a little more romance in your life. Many of you want more mystery, and I am doing my best to accommodate that request. But this title is for those of you in need of romance.

Watch Over Me, by Christa Parrish, is not your typical romance, but it falls in that genre nonetheless. A wife who wants to keep her husband, a guy with a bad case of regret and PTSD, a delightful young man whose deafness is the least of his problems, and a baby. This isn't any normal baby; however, this one has a criminal record straight from the womb! Certainly not by her own fault or choice. But when you're found half-breathless with a plastic sack in a field with no mum within sight, you get yourself known!

How the author weaves these people together into a satisfying whole is what makes this a romance of memorable depth. Love surrounds the baby, the boy, the man, and the wife, sorting them into families and giving the unknown mother a family and place as well. No tissues needed; just be ready for a good, warm-all-over feeling, like a hug.

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

Nifty Notters



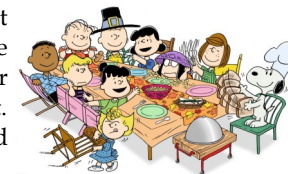
The Nifty Notters' next gathering is on **Saturday, October 26**, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be a work session during the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering mentioned on page 1. All experience levels are welcome; we just need your hands and your fellowship!

Thanksgiving Meals for Community Action

The Service Committee is once again sponsoring Thanksgiving meals for Community Action families, and we need your help. Community Action works with families on parenting, financial stability, housing, and education. It also runs the HeadStart program here at St. Andrew. The families served really need our help.

Our goal is to collect \$4,500, enough to buy seventy-five \$60 Win-Co gift cards for these families. Any donations that exceed our goal will be used for our upcoming Barnes School Christmas Giving Tree, or donated to the St. Matthew Food Pantry for feeding anyone in the community who needs food assistance.

If you wish to give online, select "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the drop-down menu below "Fund," or you can send a check made out to St. Andrew with "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the memo line.



This is a wonderful way to live out our faith, as well as giving families in need the chance to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Please consider helping with a donation of any amount this year. Our deadline to receive donations is **Tuesday, November 19**. This will give us time to purchase the gift cards and get them to these families.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

LuAnn Staul (ljstaul@gmail.com / 503-314-6321) or

Linda McDowall (mcdowall.ml@gmail.com / 503-649-5091)

Climate Optimism: Solar Panels

Do More than Create Electricity

Have you heard of agrivoltaics, solar meadows, and solar grazing? Now there are solar vineyards!

Agrivoltaic farming is the practice of growing crops underneath solar panels. It turns out that some crops grow much better under panels. Some plants such as broccoli do better with the shade provided by solar panels, as the panels reduce evaporation and the temperature of the soil. The practice of agrivoltaic farming is a growing method of farming around the world.



Solar meadows are meadows of native flowers that are planted under and around solar panels. Capped landfills are ideal places for solar farms where not much else can be done with the land. Across the country, solar farm planners are planting flowering meadows alongside the panels that support butterflies, bees, insects, and birds. Solar meadows provide not only the flowers that pollinators need, but also shade and protection from predatory birds.

Solar grazing is a method of controlling vegetation and reducing fire risk on solar sites using grazing livestock such as sheep. Sheep are well suited for solar installations due to their size and grazing behavior. Both the shepherd and the solar company benefit. Solar companies contract with local sheep farmers who care for and manage the sheep. Sheep eat many types of weeds and invasive species, and are good at grazing underneath the panels where it is more difficult for humans to mechanically mow. The solar panels provide the sheep with shelter from rain, wind and direct sun on hot days.

Now there are solar vineyards! As agrivoltaics continue to grow rapidly worldwide, a project in the Apulia region of Italy has 7,770 solar panels installed on vineyard pergolas. The clean electrons aren't the only benefit. The shade from the solar panels protects the grapes from heat and wind to such an extent that the agrivoltaic vineyard can boast 20-60% higher yields and 20% lower water use! It's even helped reverse an impact of climate change, as hotter summers had moved the harvest season from October to September, but the solar-shaded vines were harvestable 3-4 weeks later than the vines in surrounding areas.

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team



Phone Bank with EcoFaith to Get Out the Vote

Great news! Georgia voters shattered the early voting record when more than 300,000 people showed up on the first day of early voting, more than doubling the previous first day record.



Now that faith communities have completed their "Get Out the Vote" postcard writing, EcoFaith invites you and your community to call Black voters in Georgia, North Carolina, and other voter suppression states, offering additional support to those who have not yet voted. Join EcoFaith at either of the following times for a 15-minute orientation using this link:

tinyurl.com/y3abm7yp.

- **Sunday, October 20**, at 12:45 pm
- **Sunday, October 27**, at 1:45 pm

During this 15-minute orientation and pep rally, Eco Faith leaders Robyn Hartwig and/or Janet Parker will offer a brief spiritual grounding and help you register for a guided phone banking session with *Reclaim Our Vote*, a campaign of the nonprofit *Center for Common Ground*.

The easiest option will be to log onto the 2-hour guided phone banking session that will start immediately after our 15-minute gathering, but you can sign up for sessions at other times, as well. A complete training will be offered at the beginning of those 2-hour sessions enabling you to make calls directly from your computer. Those already trained can skip the training and move quickly to make calls with trainers standing by on Zoom to offer support as you need it.



Phone banking yields two to five times the increased voter turnout of sending postcards. It provides valuable information to potential voters and creates a personal connection that shows you care that they are able to exercise their right to vote. You can learn more and find additional times to participate at:

centerforcommonground.org/phonebanks

This election matters. EcoFaith leaders look forward to partnering with you to make a difference in these final three weeks until the election!



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Anne Newell	Comfort and God's peace at her death	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Family and friends of Clark Wallace	Comfort and God's peace at his death	Gretchen Bancroft
Mary Ann Snider	Comfort, peace, and wisdom going forward	St. India Jensen Kerr
Donna Szopko	Successful treatment and recovery	Tom Mehlhorn
Sr. Mona Navarro	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Caeleigh Taylor (friend)	Safe labor and delivery	Kyler Vogt
Cheryl Will	Healing and recovery	Susan Werner Reiser
Judy Heidinger	Healing and recovery	Judy Heidinger
Jay Meredith	Healing and recovery	Pam Meredith
John Schwiebert (housemate)	Healing from a fall	Pr. Allison Bengfort
John Giddens (husband)	Health and healing	Sovathana Ly
Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton	Strength and support	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Those confined to their homes Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Marlene Maxwell, 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	Staff
Zion Lutheran (Port Orford) Gloria Dei Lutheran (Coos Bay)	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.

Reformation Sunday Singing Opportunity



On **Sunday, October 27**, singers of all ages have an opportunity to sing the anthem, *God Is Our Refuge* by Allen Pote during the worship service. You don't have to be a regular member of the Sanctuary Choir to join us! We will rehearse the anthem on Reformation Sunday at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary and sing it during the offering that day. See Deacon Susan if you are interested and to receive a copy of the anthem in advance.

A Prayer for the Festival of Luke, October 18

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Making Ends Meet

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 visit gofund.me/d9a92c15. Thank you!



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 Rhonda Powell office@standrewlutheran.com
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 Tira Nasset..... 503-866-5099

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, October 27, 2024

Romans 3:19-28
 Psalm 46
 John 8:31-36

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, October 18

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 11:00 am Set-up for Installation Service Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Saturday, October 19

10:30 am Pastor Allison's Installation & Reception Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 20

9:30 am Worship Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom
 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~~ *Resumes the following week*
 11:00 am The Roots Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
 1:00 pm Twirlers Meeting & Practice St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 21—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, October 22

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
 12:00 pm Bridge Group Fellowship Hall
 12:15 pm Earth Care / Community Carbon Leadership Meeting St. Andrew Room
 4:00 pm LWR Ingathering Kit Assembly Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 23—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

11:00 am Alzheimer's Support Group St. Andrew Room
 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, October 24

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall
 10:30 am Nature Gazing with Susanne Sanctuary of the Firs (subject to change)
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting Chapel, Library
 6:30 pm Earth Camp Team Meeting Youth Room
 6:30 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons
 7:00 pm Foundation Team Meeting St. Andrew Room
 7:00 pm IT Meeting Offsite

Friday, October 25

8:00 am LWR Ingathering Kitchen, Community Garden Parking Lot
 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 26

9:00 am LWR Ingathering St. Andrew Room, Kitchen, Community Garden Parking Lot
 9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

Reformation Sunday, October 27

9:30 am Worship Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom
 9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel
 10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering Chapel
 11:00 am Adult Ed Special Topic: The Immigrant Story Fellowship Hall
 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

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.

Highlights from the Finance Team as of September 30th, 2024

Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Report Date 10/17/2024

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew.
 M&M Giving is 91% of FYTD budget and 79% of monthly budget.
 Expenses are 91% of FYTD budget.
 Principal-Only Payment for Mortgage: \$2,000 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	111	67	no data	177		
Monthly Total	553	334	no data	887	\$ 38,385	\$ 7,954

*YouTube data available for two Sundays only. To Meet Budget \$ 48,333 \$ 5,013

3 Main Funds: Current Status

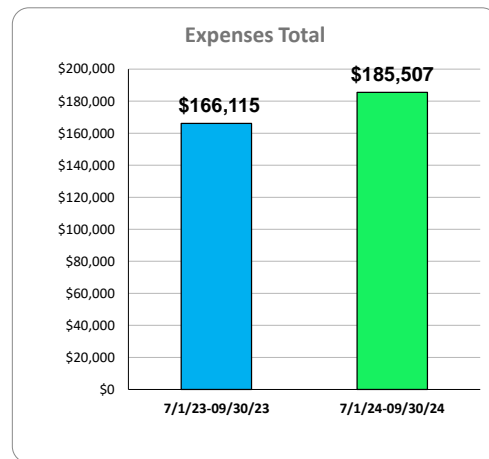
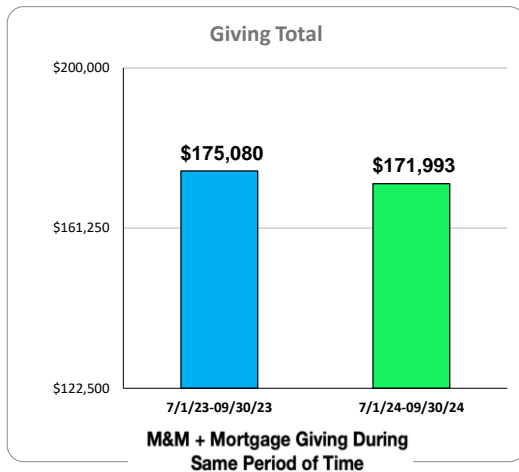
Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.
		FYTD \$	% of FYTD Budget	
Giving FY 2024-2025	\$ 144,999	\$ 131,380	91%	
Expenses FY 2024-2025	\$ 174,312	\$ 158,817	91%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2024-2025	\$ 27,471	\$ 26,690	\$ 35,044	\$ 226,483	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 11,650	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			\$ 105,824	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 22,660	\$ 9,000	\$ 31,275	

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 King, Ruth Baker
 St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho
 Parish Executive: Carol Harker

7/1/23-09/30/23	\$ 175,080
7/1/24-09/30/24	\$ 171,993
7/1/23-09/30/23	\$ 166,115
7/1/24-09/30/24	\$ 185,507

** Mortgage giving/expense included