

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

October 6, 2024

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Sanctuary of the Firs Service with Blessing of the Animals

After three wonderful services in the Sanctuary of the Firs this summer, the Worship Planning Team has decided to offer an additional Sanctuary of the Firs service this **Sunday, October 6**. To honor the commemoration of Francis of Assisi, we will welcome pets and beloved creatures to this outdoor service for a Blessing of the Animals. All types of animals are welcome if they are appropriately contained (eg. dogs must be on leash) and do not present a safety concern to others. We would love to see a mix of cats, dogs, turtles, hamsters, and other creatures! If your animal is not able to attend the service, you are invited to bring a photo. You may also bring photos of beloved pets who have passed away, animal species that are endangered, or other animals you would like blessed.



As we did this summer, we will offer a concurrent service in the Sanctuary. Animals may not attend the indoor service, but you are invited to bring photos of animals to be blessed.

Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good Upcoming Events in the Month of October

- **MACG Orientation** - Learn more about broad-based organizing, MACG membership, and the relational organizing model. **Tuesday, October 15**, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm on Zoom. You can register at: macg.org/oct24-orientation
- **MACG 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.



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.

Nifty Notters October Schedule

The Nifty Notters will meet on **Saturday, October 5** and **Saturday, October 26**, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. At last count, we had finished forty quilts, with several more well on their way to completion! All hands are very welcome. Drop in at any point, and bring a lunch if you'd like! The **October 26** meeting will be a work session during the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering.



Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Helene

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation—especially in North Carolina and Tennessee—has become clearer. Entire towns, roads, and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. The organization's greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.



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.

"Thank you" from Outside In

Dear St. Andrew Lutheran Church: "This is a community," says Marcia, a medical assistant with Outside In's mobile medical team. Every day she works with people needing health care, housing, food, and other resources—or striving to meet school or employment goals. Yet she finds hope, and with good reason: "Everybody takes care of each other."

As a donor, you are a vital part of that caring community. **Thank you!** We greatly appreciate your gift of socks from your sock drive, collectively valued at \$3,820, as well as your cash gift of \$450. This giving is part of what helps Outside In serve thousands in the Portland area every year. Your contribution heals, houses, feeds, educates, and inspires.

With gratitude,
Justine Ziegler
Development Director, Outside In



New Books in St. Andrew Library

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

Non-fiction

- *Letter to a Christian Nation* by Sam Harris
- *Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God through the Psalms* by Irene Nowell
- *The Illustrated Egyptian Book of the Dead* by Dr. Ramses Seleem
- *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed* by Lori Gottlieb
- *You Should Know This: A Rabbi Explains Christianity to Jews* by Stephen M. Wylen

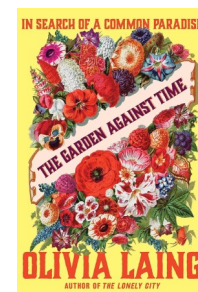
Fiction

- *Homecoming* by Kate Morton
- *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy (October Men’s Book Club title)
- *Armor of Light* by Ken Follett (sequel to *A Column of Fire*)
- *The Eye of God* by James Rollins (Sigma Force series)



Book Report on *The Garden Against Time*

Do you love reading about flower gardens? How about restoring old flower gardens? Just being in flower gardens? Or playing with slugs? Well, I do! I suppose you could say I bought this book for me, but it’s really about more than just gardens: It’s pretty much everything else as well. The author, Olivia Laing, wrote *The Garden Against Time* as a record of what she’s done, how her garden came to be, how other gardens here—and in England—got their start, what their owners were like then, and what they are up against now.



Her own garden, in England, was designed by Mark Rumary of Notcutts. I’m not sure she ever tells us when he designed it... The house is much older than the garden, I believe, as was Mark himself. In actuality, he was redesigning someone else’s garden, which had been redesigned previously by someone else, in a line going back to when the brick house and its high-walled, multi-compartmented garden were first dreamt up.

The author doesn’t begin with Mark, however. She starts with Adam & Eve and Milton’s *Paradise Lost*: How Adam and Eve were given charge to tend the garden, how it likely began to feel as if it was their own, and how badly they must have felt when they were no longer allowed to tend it. Much like myself and the Jenkins Estate, it was so easy to love those gardens and feel like they were mine—but they never were. Adam and Eve had to go out and make new gardens, applying their skills in a new place where the ground was different and there were weeds—an experience I can liken to my own.

When we do get to Mark, we learn he had issues around being accepted as well. He was gay in a time where that was considered immoral, when people didn’t want it known they were associated with a homosexual. From Mark being gay, the author slides right into the COVID pandemic, a time where we all had to avoid social interactions, and how that changed her life and the world.

Shifting easily from COVID-era avoidance—where you could or could not sit, for example—the author moves into how gardens were historically (and sometimes still are today) places where blacks were not permitted. And why is that, you say? Slavery.

The same people who made those gardens for the white people were not allowed to be seen working in them. She also addresses how the practice of slavery provided the money for the garden’s creation and upkeep, and kept whites on the top of the heap.

Olivia moves on through history, finding all these stray threads that connect to gardens: William Morris, wealth redistribution, socialism and communism, right on up to today. All the while she is restoring another high-walled room of this garden, not much bigger than my own.

The book ends right where she is now, a place not too dissimilar to where I find myself currently. Having envisioned this garden and created her own paradise, she is now faced (as am I) with climate change and the challenge of maintaining her (our) dream. She and I both must switch out the plants we had so carefully chosen because now there is too much heat, the cost to water them has become unmanageable, and we do not wish to take excessive water for plants when people are needing it to drink.

This book, then, is a long and thoughtful look at how the actions of each of us affect the whole of the world.

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

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.

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.

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

Dear St. Andrew,

Many thanks for allowing my “Aging with Grace” group to use your lovely Fellowship Hall for the talk by Barry Jacoshenk, PA.



Everything went so well from the signs on the front doors to the set-up and technical assistance. It makes me envious that Holy Trinity does not have such nice facilities.

I know that not every church would be as welcoming as you are. Your Christian spirit really shines through.

With deep appreciation,
Hilary Hutchinson

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Ann and family (friend)	Safety and recovery after Hurricane Helene	Gretchen Bancroft
Mark & Kym Fasczewski	Safety and recovery after Hurricane Helene	Rebecca Uecker
Cheryl Will	Successful surgery (Oct. 11)	Susan Werner Reiser
Glenath Moyle	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Beth Johnson	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Betty Eldridge	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Anne Newell	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Michelle (cousin-in-law)	Comfort and peace in hospice	Wendy Hawthorne
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Healing and peace	Judy Scholz
Barbara (sister-in-law)	Healing and recovery	LeeAnne Knapp
Triniti (granddaughter)	Healing and recovery	Donna & Warren McAlpine
Ruth Nickodemus	Healing and recovery	Mary Smith
Mark Zahn (brother)	Healing and recovery	Anne Newell
Henry Stevens (husband)	Healing and recovery	Beverly Briggs
Mary Ann Snider	Healing and recovery	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Jeannine Douglas	Healing and recovery	Jeannine Douglas
Ebba Carroll (Mike's mother)	Strength and healing	Mike & Mary Carroll
Victims of Hurricane Helene	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
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
Faith Lutheran (Coquille) New Life Lutheran (Florence)	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.

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 visit gofund.me/d9a92c15. Thank you!



Reformation Sunday Singing Opportunity



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

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

Men's Book Club

Next meeting, **October 14**, 7:00 pm, at the home of Tim Holte. Discussion will be on the novel *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy.



Save the Date!

Installation of Pastor Allison Bengfort, **Saturday, October 19**, at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Reception in Fellowship Hall after worship.

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 13, 2024

Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalm 90:12-17
Mark 10:17-31

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Sunday, October 6

- 9:30 am **Outdoor Worship** Sanctuary of the Firs, and via Zoom
 9:30 am **Indoor Worship (in-person only)**.....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

Monday, October 7—Church Office Closed

- 2:00 pm Immigrant Story Children’s Library
 5:00 pm Women’s Retreat Planning Meeting Library

Tuesday, October 8

- 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)
 9:00 am Facilities Management Team Meeting..... St. Andrew Room
 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall
 12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Installation Planning Meeting St. Andrew Room
 7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 9—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com and charker@standrewlutheran.com.

- 9:00 am LWR School Bag Preparation..... Fellowship Hall
 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, October 10

- 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 Wing Chun Class..... Children’s Commons

Friday, October 11

- 10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 12

- 10:00 am Council Retreat Fellowship Hall, Chapel

Sunday, October 13


- 9:30 am **Worship** Sanctuary, livestream, and via Zoom
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The Roots Registration

We are so excited for The Roots this fall! The Roots is our Sunday morning children’s program for kids in Pre-K through 5th grade, which takes place from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the children’s space downstairs. Stories that are coming up soon include Joseph, Daniel, and Jonah. If you haven’t registered your child yet for The Roots, visit tinyurl.com/StAndrewLC, or scan QR code on the right.



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 August 31st, 2024

Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Report Date 10/03/2024

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

M&M Giving is 96% of FYTD budget and 119% of monthly budget.

Expenses are 96% of FYTD budget.

Principal-Only Payment for Mortgage: \$9,650 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						
Monthly Total					\$ 57,566	\$ 12,179

*YouTube data available for two Sundays only.

To Meet Budget \$ 48,333 \$ 5,013

3 Main Funds: Current Status

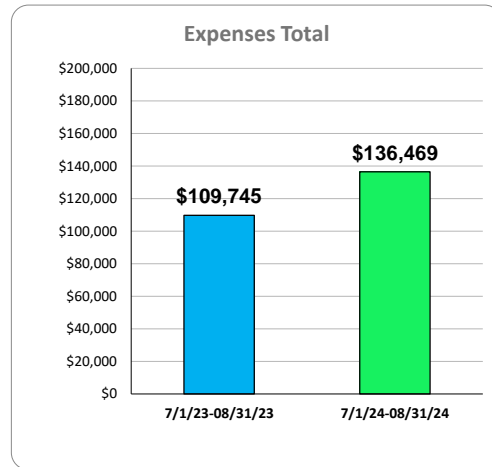
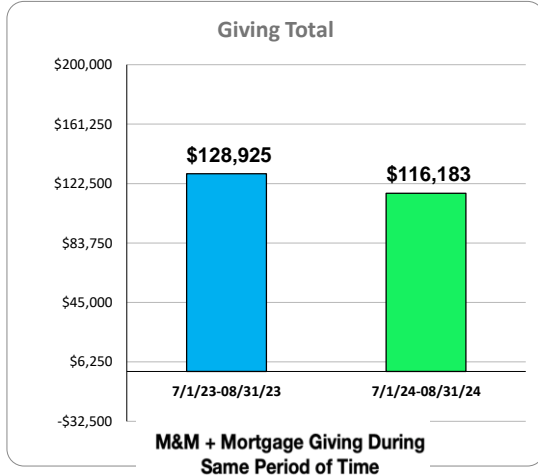
Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.
		FYTD \$	% of FYTD Budget	
Giving FY 2024-2024	\$ 96,666	\$ 92,995	96%	
Expenses FY 2024-2025	\$ 116,208	\$ 111,780	96%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2024-2025	\$ 19,517	\$ 10,026	\$ 35,586	\$ 232,422	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 9,650	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			\$ 103,523	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 22,600	\$ 9,000	\$ 31,758	

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

7/1/23-08/31/23	\$	128,925
7/1/24-08/31/24	\$	116,183
7/1/23-08/31/23	\$	109,745
7/1/24-08/31/24	\$	136,469

** Mortgage giving/expense included