

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 13, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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

NO KINGS Mass Protest, June 14, at 2:30 pm



In America, we don't put up with would-be kings. Join others from the community for this protest on **Saturday, June 14**, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, at 12375 SW 5th Street, Beaverton. For more information, visit nokings.org. RSVP for the Beaverton protest at: mobilize.us/nokings/event/786839.

Deacon Susan Retirement Party This Sunday

All are invited to a retirement party for Deacon Susan Werner Reiser immediately following worship on **Sunday, June 15**. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to greet Deacon Susan, honor her long music career which includes years of service at St. Andrew, and wish her well as she steps into the next phase of her life journey. Refreshments will be served.



New Nursery Attendant Starts This Sunday

This **Sunday, June 15**, we will welcome Glorian Lezama as St. Andrew's new nursery attendant. On weekdays, Glorian is a lead preschool instructor for Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD). She has been interested in becoming involved at St. Andrew since experiencing yoga classes in our Fellowship Hall several years ago. Glorian is also bilingual, so if you'd like to practice your Spanish, she would be thrilled to speak with you! Glorian is excited to become a part of this community, and we are so lucky to have her joining us. Feel free to stop by the nursery this Sunday to say hello and welcome her to St. Andrew!

Farewell Party for Sister India, June 22



All are invited to a farewell party for Sister India Jensen Kerr immediately following worship on **Sunday, June 22**. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to greet Sister India, honor her service as our deacon, hear a few stories about her time at St. Andrew, and wish her well on the next stage of her journey. Refreshments will be served.

Men's Book Club Looking for New Members

The St. Andrew Men's Book Club is seeking additional readers. The group gathers on the second Monday of each month (save August) at 7:00 pm. The host for each discussion rotates through the group, with each month's host selecting the book to be read.

July's meeting, hosted by Larry Bliesner, will discuss *Running Away to Home: Our Family's Journey to Croatia in Search of Who We Are, Where We Came From, and What Really Matters* by Jennifer Wilson. This book is the true story of a woman from Iowa and her family who return to their ancestral village in rural Croatia seeking their roots. If interested in joining, please contact Larry Bliesner or Gary Grafwallner.

Help Shape MACG's Next Campaign Actions!

Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) has been listening to people from all over the tri-county area these past several months. Two issues have emerged from those conversations: the difficulty of accessing adequate healthcare, and concern about the fate of our immigrant friends. As a community organizing alliance, MACG is committed to working toward real change. Part of this process is to gather together with people from all member institutions, plus others from the community, to fine-tune and organize action around important issues. The next Delegate Assembly will be held HERE at St. Andrew on Sunday, **June 22**, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. As a member of St. Andrew, you are a delegate and your opinions are important. This will be a bilingual event, with tables dedicated to Spanish-speakers with translators.

It takes a lot of people to host an event like this, and you can help. Are you willing to be a greeter, helping people find their way through our facility? Or a parking lot attendant, helping visitors find a place to park? How about offering hospitality in another way—setting up, cleaning up, running the dishwasher? Helping in any of these ways will also allow you to attend the event and help shape the future.

Please register online at macg.org/da-6-22-25, or stop by the table in the narthex to register for the event and perhaps sign up to help. We are especially hoping for people who speak Spanish to come and help the many Spanish-speaking guests we expect to come.



Questions? Contact any member of the St. Andrew Community Organizing Team: Pr. Allison Bengfort, Sonja Ackman, Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Colleen Nelson, or Lynn Santelmann.

Annual Meeting Announcement

The annual meeting of St. Andrew Lutheran Church will be held on **Tuesday, June 17**, at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Per our constitution, ten percent of voting members are required to constitute a quorum. As such, you are asked to attend the meeting in-person or online. To prepare for this annual meeting, and to offer opportunities for the congregation to ask questions and learn more in advance, we will have a Ministry Forum this **Sunday, June 15**, at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.



Next Ageless Insights Community Seminar

You're invited to a free community seminar at the Beaverton City Library, room A, on **June 25**, at 11:30 am. At this event, we'll talk about what no one wants to discuss, but everyone needs to: How to plan and prepare for death, dying, and funerals. Please visit agelessinsights.net for more information, or call 503-208-4524. More info can also be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) Is Here!

Article adapted from Master Recycler Handbook

The Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) updates Oregon's recycling system by building on local community programs and leveraging the resources of producers to create an innovative system that works for everyone. The new law requires packaging producers to share responsibility for effective management of their products after use. The law went into effect January 1, 2022 and program changes will start in July 2025.

The RMA will:

- Share responsibility across the recycling system. Producers will help fund improvements and expand recycling services. Cost to producers will be based on what materials they use and how much they sell in Oregon.
- Create one statewide list of what can be recycled. This will provide clarity to households and businesses about what can be recycled, and create efficiencies in recycling operations across the state.
- Increase access to recycling, providing recycling services to people who didn't previously have it, such as those who live in apartments and rural areas.
- Incentivize sustainable products. Producer fees will be higher for non-recyclable products and those creating more environmental pollution.
- Prevent plastic pollution because it ensures that collected materials are recycled responsibly and keeps plastic and other trash out of our waterways and communities, both domestically and overseas.
- Create accountability to outcomes. DEQ will permit and audit recycling processors, and a governor-appointed advisory council will review producer program plans, the statewide collection list, and educational resources.

How the Recycling Modernization Act works:

Producers will join and pay a membership fee to a nonprofit Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) that will fund improvements and ensure that collected recyclables go to responsible end markets. Producers will also be required to meet new recycling goals for plastic packaging and food service-ware.

Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) will collect producer membership fees and use them to ensure improved and expanded recycling services. Most collection will continue to be overseen by local governments, but PROs will provide services for certain hard-to-recycle materials.

One Collection List will allow individuals and businesses to recycle the same items across the state, at home and at work. PRO funding will enable collection of the same items regardless of location or distance from recycling markets.



Recycling Services will be expanded under the direction of local governments, with support from the PROs, especially for rural communities and people living in apartments. The same private collection companies will continue to provide recycling services.

Education about how to recycle will continue to be offered by local governments, along with new programs to reduce recycling contamination. PROs will create accessible educational resources that local governments can use and that meet the needs of diverse communities.

Processing of recyclables will be done in facilities that meet new performance standards, including for material quality, reporting, and paying living wages to workers.

End Markets that can handle the material appropriately (without creating plastic pollution or other harms) can purchase it after sorting and recycling it into something new. Producers and processors will be obligated to make sure materials collected in Oregon reach responsible end markets.

Oversight and Integration will be provided by DEQ with accountability from all participants. DEQ will plan and implement changes required by the new law, and oversee the recycling system and provide enforcement where necessary. PROs, recycling processors, and local governments will track and report more information about where our recyclables go and ensure that they are managed responsibly and used to make new products.

The Master Recyclers are excited about this new law!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Sanctuary of the Firs Sundays



The Worship Planning Team has identified four Sundays when the people of St. Andrew are invited to worship in our Sanctuary of the Firs. Please mark your calendars for **July 6**, **August 3**, **August 31**, and **October 5**. On the first two of those four Sundays, Kim Taylor-Blakemore will be preaching outside, while Pastor Allison Bengfort will lead worship in the Sanctuary for people unable to make the trek into the woods. The **October 5** service will include a "Blessing of the Animals."

Video Clips from Burning the Mortgage

Many people who attended the Burning the Mortgage party this past Sunday were impressed by the video clips shot by Ken Reiner during the reconstruction project in 2011 and 2012. If you missed the celebration, you can still see the video featuring Rick LeRoy describing progress throughout the project. To see this video online, go to youtube.com/watch?v=FO519LjYmAo and note the number of times volunteers are mentioned.



Hello, St. Andrew Friends,

It is with great sadness that due to my health issues, I had to turn in my resignation last month. For those that are not aware, I have terminal cancer and the treatment has made it very difficult for me to function properly. My 16-year-old daughter also has a progressive genetic disorder and her health will start to decline in the next few years. My last day will be June 18.

I have enjoyed my time here at St. Andrew and the wonderful support I have received from the staff and the congregation. You are all so amazing and supportive; you have made this last year and a half tolerable. I will truly miss being here and seeing or talking to all of you.

I know that God has a plan for me and my family and after much praying and contemplating, I know that this is the correct decision. I need to be able to focus on my health and my daughter's health. I will try my best to keep in touch with you, with updates, through Carol.

God Bless!
Rhonda Powell
Administrative Assistant

March by the Numbers

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

In-person:	114
Online:	110
Total:	224

Weekly Revenue

Average Weekly Revenue, including offerings, building use, etc.:

	\$13,004
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Average Weekly Revenue Needed to fully cover all budgeted expenses and end the year without a deficit:

	\$13,409
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Fiscal Year to Date Revenue

Actual:	\$499,899
Budgeted:	\$461,287

Fiscal Year to Date Expenses

Actual:	\$502,411
Budgeted:	\$522,937

Fiscal Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)

Actual:	(\$2,513)
Budgeted:	(\$61,649)

April by the Numbers

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

In-person:	152
Online:	125
Total:	277

Weekly Revenue

Average Weekly Revenue, including offerings, building use, etc.:

	\$12,439
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Average Weekly Revenue Needed to fully cover all budgeted expenses and end the year without a deficit:

	\$13,409
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Fiscal Year to Date Revenue

Actual:	\$548,446
Budgeted:	\$512,542

Fiscal Year to Date Expenses

Actual:	\$564,160
Budgeted:	\$581,041

Fiscal Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)

Actual:	(\$15,718)
Budgeted:	(\$68,500)

A Note from the Western Farm Workers



Dear Congregation of St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$450 to the Western Farm Workers Association. We appreciate your ongoing support.

In solidarity,
Merry G.

Thank You from Janus Youth Programs

Janus Youth Programs is honored to receive the renewed support of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. The congregation's support through cash and in-kind donations dates back to May of 2002, and for that we thank you!

For 53 years, Janus Youth Programs has successfully worked across the community to address child abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, and the lack of access to employment and educational opportunities with the support of our community partners—partners like you.

As always, a very special "thank you" from the youth whose lives you help change forever!

Dennis L. Morrow
Executive Director



A Prayer for Guidance

As we prepare for this year's Annual Meeting, let us pray:



Direct us, O God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Sovereign. Amen.

-Adapted from ELW, page 86

Book Report on Two Titles by Laurie King

Island of the Mad and *Riviera Gold*

Are you a Sherlock Holmes fan? Did you know that, unlike Elvis, Sherlock is alive and well? He's been co-opted by a new author into a much longer life, and he's even gotten married to a girl less than half his age! But it works, probably because neither of them are all that interested in some of the expected marital things, except for companionship and a partner in the job at hand.

She's really smart, has followed his practices for years, and—thanks to the author—added many more years to the old man's life. As of now, she is helping him solve where an old friend's aunt has gotten off to. The lady is said to be mad, but opinions may differ. In any case, it appears she has gone off to Venice, willingly, or perhaps not.



Holmes and his wife, whom he prefers to call by her last name "Russell," go off to hunt down the aunt, beginning at Bedlam, the famous (or infamous) insane asylum in London. It's a bit different from the one the Silver Saints went to—if they will admit to it.

From there they go to Venice, which is why I am writing the two book reports together. You really need to read *Island of the Mad* first so you get the idea and the feeling for the islands that make up that part of the sea. There is much talk about clothes, drinks, gays and lesbians, and Cole Porter, who is or isn't...I never heard.

The stakes ramp up, and now, in *Riviera Gold* they are on the hunt for another (old?) lady, Mrs. Hudson. Remember her? Yes, she, too, has disappeared, and reappears, but she is not the same...not the same at all. And who knew? Not me, not Russell, but did Holmes?

Pam Farr
Adult Librarian

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Allie Peak and family	Peace and God's comfort at death of son	Peggy Thompson
Lee Taylor (step-father)	Comfort and desired medical test results	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Ruth Nickodemus	Comfort and healing	Mary Smith
Claude Poppy Vachal Snider (granddaughter)	Comfort and healing	Larry & Phyllis Vachal
Mary Swanson	Comfort and proper treatment	Claudia Parsons
Steve High (friend)	Comfort and speedy recovery	Patty Jones
Ed Pacey	Comfort and wisdom	Ed Pacey
Nel (granddaughter)	Proper diagnosis and treatment	Mary Brown
Linda Bengfort (mother)	Strength and healing	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Victims of Oregon Wildfires	Safety, strength, and support	Staff
Those receiving ongoing pastoral care, including Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Bettye Eldridge, Jean Fredrickson, Margaret Herder, Vera Hutchinson, Glenath Moyle, Don Parsons, Ethel Ritchey, Sharon Roth, Ira (Ike) Schab, Erin Tarum, Ida Trullinger	Assurance of God's presence	Staff
All who are imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Emmaus Lutheran (Eugene)	Blessings on their ministry	Staff

Collecting Donations for Lutheran World Relief School Kits

As one school year comes to an end, it's time to prepare for the upcoming one! This year, our goal is to fill 400 school kits for LWR, and here's what we still need to accomplish that:

School Kits	Have	Need
Ruler, 30 centimeters long or with inches and centimeters on either side	31	369
Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)	550	1450
Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)	0	400
Notebooks, 70-sheet of wide- or college-ruled paper; no loose-leaf paper	31	1569
Crayons, box of 16 or 24	11	389
Eraser, 2 ½ inches	194	206
Pencil sharpener	200	200
Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (pre-sharpened is not permitted)	905	1095



Please be aware, pencils donated **must be unsharpened**. We already have quite the collection of sharpened pencils that have been erroneously given to this drive in years past. Please be sure that the pencils you are donating are not pre-sharpened, as LWR **will not** accept them, and we will have to dispose of them.

We have a number of opportunities for you to help us assembling the bags for these school kits. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on **Saturday, July 12**, as well as each Monday from **July 14 – August 11**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please contact Pam Jelineo if you would like to participate in the bag assembly and she'll add you to the email chain. Contact Pam by email at pjelineo@hotmail.com or text her at 971-221-2600.

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Music In the Valley

You're invited to a concert fundraiser in support of houseless students of Aloha High School. The proceeds of this event will go toward supporting the food pantry and clothing store for houseless youth at Aloha High School. Join us on **June 22** at the Scholls Valley Lodge from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for this event which will feature a food cart from Koi Fusion! To learn more about this concert fundraiser, go to: dimplecarefoundation.com.

Nifty Notters

On the first and third Saturdays each month, the hard-working members of our quilting group, the Nifty Notters, meet in Fellowship Hall to assemble quilts for the various missions of the church. This work needs you! All hands are welcome to drop in at any point between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm, or bring a lunch and stay for the whole work session. Upcoming dates for Nifty Notters to meet are **June 21 & July 5**. Please help us by offering your support to continue this important ministry!

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, June 22, 2025

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Luke 8:22-25

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, June 13

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 14—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

8:45 am Pruning Workshop with Friends of Trees..... Community Garden, Sanctuary of the Firs

Sunday, June 15

9:30 am Worship Sanctuary, livestream, via Zoom, and Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel

10:45 am Deacon Susan's Retirement Celebration..... Fellowship Hall

10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering..... Chapel

11:30 am Ministry Forum Fellowship Hall

1:00 pm Twirlers' Meeting & Practice..... St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 16—Church Office Closed

Tuesday, June 17

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 Worship Planners Meeting Library

12:00 pm Bridge Group..... Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Annual Meeting Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

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

6:30 pm Earth Camp Volunteer Training Children's Commons

Thursday, June 19—Church Office Closed for Juneteenth

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Council Meeting..... Fellowship Hall, Chapel

7:00 pm Wing Chun Class..... Children's Commons

Friday, June 20

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 21—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm MACG Delegate Assembly Prep Fellowship Hall

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9:30 am Worship Sanctuary, livestream, via Zoom, and Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel

10:45 am Farewell Party for Sister India Fellowship Hall

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3:00 pm MACG Delegate Assembly Fellowship Hall

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.