

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 20, 2025

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## Bring Your Stories, Concerns, and Ideas



It's not too late! You can still sign up to attend the 2025 Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) Delegate Assembly happening **this Sunday, June 22**, from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We have been listening! Two issues have emerged from the stories of our community members:

- Access to health care providers is becoming increasingly difficult. There seems to be a "perfect storm" of issues: a shortage of providers, complicated insurance regulations and practices, the uncertainty of Medicaid funding (which pays for a large part of the Oregon Health Plan), and the real challenge of continuing to qualify for Medicaid.
- Concern for our immigrant neighbors, both those who are undocumented and those who have legal status but not citizenship. People are being gathered up in public spaces, and children have come home to find their parents have suddenly vanished. Story after story is told about people who are arrested without evidence of wrongdoing, and many people are afraid for themselves or their loved ones.

At this assembly, we will verify that these are our next issues for MACG community organizing campaigns. We will hear stories from people who have been impacted, and talk with each other about our personal experiences. You will have the opportunity to join a research team to learn what we need to know about getting to the heart of the issues. And you will be encouraged to share contacts you might have who can help us with this effort. As a bonus, we will share our wonderful facility with the larger community, living out our core values of Neighbor Care and Community Care.

Please sign up at [macg.org/da-6-22-25](http://macg.org/da-6-22-25), or stop by the table in the narthex on Sunday and add your name to the list of St. Andrew folks who are attending. You can also just show up to St. Andrew at 3:00 pm this Sunday afternoon and join the conversation!

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

## Nifty Notters Meet This Saturday

On the first and third Saturdays of 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!



## Sister India's Farewell Party Is This Sunday

All are invited to a heartfelt farewell party for Sister India. After four years of service as our deacon in charge of caring ministries, Sister India is now moving on. She will complete her Ph.D. in Theology at Claremont School of Theology, and discern the next stage of her life journey. Although we will miss her greatly, we couldn't be more proud of her!

Please join us in Fellowship Hall right after Sunday's worship service. We will have refreshments and honor Sister India with our tributes. There will be a basket available for your cards.



## Next Ageless Insights Community Seminar



You're invited to a free community seminar at the Beaverton City Library, room A, this **Wednesday, 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](http://agelessinsights.net) for more information, or call 503-208-4524. More info can also be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Join St. Andrew for Pride in the Park 2025

St. Andrew will be walking in Beaverton's Pride Parade on **Sunday, June 29**. The parade begins at 11:00 am by the Beaverton Library on the corner of 5th & Watson. If you are interested in walking, please see Kim Taylor-Blakemore who will be in the narthex following worship this Sunday with a sign-up sheet. Or just watch the parade along the route, and stay to enjoy the festival and local vendors after the parade! It is a short course out into the neighborhood and back to the festival booths at the farmers market area. We hope to see you there!



## New St. Andrew T-shirts Have Arrived

If you ordered a St. Andrew T-shirt, come and pick yours up after worship this Sunday. Carol Harker will be in the narthex ready to distribute the shirts following the worship service.



Please bring \$25 cash or check (made payable to Jan Smith). If you are unable to collect yours on Sunday, you can also stop by the office during business hours next week, that way you can sport your new gear at Beaverton Pride!

## 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. **June 22**, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Scholls Valley Lodge. Event will feature a food cart from Koi Fusion! For more information, visit [dimplecarefoundation.com](http://dimplecarefoundation.com).

## Repair Fairs: Don't Throw It Out, Repair It!

**Repair Fairs:** One of the ways to keep more things out of the landfill (and save you money) is to repair things instead of throwing them away. Not up to taking on the task yourself? [RepairPDX.org](http://RepairPDX.org)



organizes free events in the Portland Metro area that bring volunteers who like to fix things together with people who have broken or torn items that need to be fixed. Experts are on hand to fix items as well as teach participants how to fix their own items. Most events will have people who know how to use a sewing machine or a soldering iron for example, and many other tools. At times, there could even be a cobbler. I have been volunteering recently at several different Repair Fairs, sometimes called Repair Cafes, and I really enjoy it!

I enjoy meeting people, mending their things, and teaching them how they can do it themselves if they want to learn. I have mended and hemmed clothes, done some darning, fixed backpacks and tents, and repaired holes in pillows. People bring bicycles, lamps, all manner of small appliances, chairs, printers, jewelry, broken knick-knacks, fans, vacuum cleaners, you name it; they bring it and usually go home happy with their stuff repaired! Visit [repairPDX.org](http://repairPDX.org) to find a repair fair near you.

**iFixit** is a global community of people helping each other repair things. Their website includes manuals (either found online or created by iFixit volunteers who take things apart and write manuals about how things work), a forum to ask questions, and a store for tools and parts. And of course, there is always YouTube to learn how to fix things.

**Fix your electronics:** Large electronics manufacturers don't want you to know that it is actually pretty easy to fix a lot of the gadgets we have around us. If you knew that, it would slow you down from buying more of their products. Companies have gone so far as to make it nearly impossible for a consumer to get their hands on an owner's manual, which would help them understand how things work and can be fixed. There are dozens of small businesses in the Metro area that repair many types of electronics; search online for "electronic repair in Portland, Oregon."

**Right to repair law:** Last year Governor Tina Kotek signed one of the strongest U.S. right-to-repair bills into law, and it went into effect on January 1 of this year. Minnesota and California have similar laws that require device manufacturers to allow consumers and independent electronics businesses to purchase the necessary parts and equipment required to make their own device repairs.

Oregon's rules, however, are the first to ban "parts pairing," a practice manufacturers use to prevent replacement components from working unless the company's software approves them. These protections also prevent manufacturers from using parts pairing to reduce device functionality or performance, or display any misleading warning messages about unofficial components installed within a device. Devices manufactured before the bill went into effect are excluded from the ban, as the law only applies to gadgets manufactured after January 1, 2025.

See you at the next Repair Fair!

**Liz Hardy**  
Earth Care Team

*The paragraphs on the "Right to Repair" law above were adapted from an article written by Jess Weatherbed for The Verge in March 2024.*

## Collecting Donations for LWR 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 Lutheran World Relief (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
#2 pencils with erasers (preferably not sharpened)	905	1095

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 Jeleneo 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](mailto:pjelineo@hotmail.com) or text her at 971-221-2600.

## 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.

## Earth Camp 2025 Begins This Monday!

Our world is not deterministic, but rather incredibly interdependent. At Earth Camp 2025, we will lean into the ways we are connected with the world around us. We will explore the necessity of biodiversity and symbiotic relationships. And, we will examine our role—past, present, and future—as human beings within the ecological system. As we do so, we will find that living in harmony with the natural world is deeply tied to spiritual concepts we are familiar with such as kindness, humility, stewardship, and even resurrection.



**Earth Camp 2025**  
"One Earth, One Body"

## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Allie Peak & Family	Peace and God's comfort at death of son	Peggy Thompson
Family and friends of Don Parsons (husband)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Claudia Parsons
Scott Taylor & Family	Peace and God's comfort at death of mother Karen	Warren McAlpine
Stellmach Family	Peace and God's comfort at death of son Bill	Sharon Roos
Family and friends of Ed Pacey	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Lee Taylor (step-father)	Comfort and desired medical test results	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Claude Poppy Vachal Snider (granddaughter)	Comfort and healing	Larry & Phyllis Vachal
Mary Swanson	Comfort and proper treatment	Claudia Parsons
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
Logan Uecker	Safe travels through July 3	Rebecca Uecker
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	Blessing on our ministry	Staff
ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton	Strength and wisdom	Staff
ELCA Church Council and Staff	Courage and wisdom	Staff
Ecumenical, interfaith, and secular partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff
Loved ones in need of ongoing prayer, including Tandy Brooks, Rhonda Powell, Jennifer Shaw, Arden Tarum, Megan Webber	Healing and assurance of God's presence	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Good Shepherd Lutheran (Eugene)	Blessings on their ministry	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.

## Happy Retirement, Susan!

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate the retirement of our beloved parish musician, Deacon Susan Werner Reiser. Her entire life has been dedicated to music and to the Church. Here are just some of the highlights of her life:

- Susan began piano lessons at age eight, and clarinet at age nine.
- In 1972, at age 17, she entered Southern Illinois University Edwardsville as a double major—music and math! That same year, she began organ lessons, and added alto, bass, and contrabass clarinet, plus bassoon. She graduated in 1975 and figures she averaged five hours of sleep a night during her studies.
- She began her career as a church organist in 1972, serving Episcopal, Lutheran (both ELCA and Missouri Synod), African Methodist Episcopal, United Church of Christ, and Methodist parishes (and maybe a few others we missed).
- Susan has conducted choirs of all sizes from six to 60 members, as well as bell choirs of all sizes and abilities, always with the guideline: “Start together and end together, what happens in the middle is between you and God.”
- Her Master of Arts in Church Music and Choral Conducting is from Valparaiso University, a Lutheran college in Indiana.
- She is commissioned as an Associate in Ministry (now Deacon) in the ELCA.

Susan's list of accomplishments continues! We are grateful to Susan for sharing her incredible gifts with this community. She will accompany her final worship service before retirement at St. Andrew on **Sunday, June 29**, at 9:30 am.

*Libby Calhoun*

## Sanctuary of the Firs

### Outdoor Worship Series

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.”

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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, June 29, 2025**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Luke 9:51-62

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### 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](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

9:00 am Nifty Notters ..... Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm MACG Delegate Assembly Prep ..... Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, June 22

**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

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

3:00 pm MACG Delegate Assembly ..... Fellowship Hall

### Monday, June 23—Church Office Closed

9:00 am Earth Camp 2025 ..... St. Andrew Parking Lot

### Tuesday, June 24

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 Earth Camp 2025 ..... St. Andrew Parking Lot

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

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

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

### Wednesday, June 25—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) & [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com)

9:00 am Earth Camp 2025 ..... St. Andrew Parking Lot

11:00 am Alzheimer’s Support Group..... St. Andrew Room

### Thursday, June 26

9:00 am Earth Camp 2025 ..... St. Andrew Parking Lot

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne ..... Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm IT Meeting..... Offsite

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

### Friday, June 27

9:00 am Earth Camp 2025 ..... St. Andrew Parking Lot

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

### Saturday, June 28—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to [pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com)

2:00 pm Memorial Service for Teresa McAllister ..... Sanctuary

### Sunday, June 29

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

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service ..... Chapel

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

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

## 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.