

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 6, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Game Night THIS Saturday, June 7

Get your game face on and come join the fun! The Connections Team invites you to Game Night **THIS Saturday, June 7**, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite game or play one of ours. Let's have some fun together before we start getting out to enjoy the summer. For more information, call Jan Smith (408-242-3838) or Connie Losk (916-715-0744). See you there!



Men's Book Club News

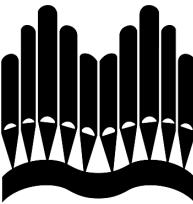
The Men's Book Club will meet on **Monday, June 9**, at 7:00 pm to discuss the book *Medgar & Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story that Awakened America* by Joy-Ann Reid. Gary Grafwallner will host this discussion at his home.

Their following meeting on **July 14** will discuss *Running Away to Home: Our Family's Journey in Search of Who We Are, Where We Came From, and What Really Matters* by Jennifer Wilson.

The Men's Book Club will take a break in the month of August.

Retirement Party for Deacon Susan, June 15

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.



Annual Meeting Announcement

It's that time of year again! 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 this meeting in-person or online. This meeting serves as a vital time for you to engage in the leadership of this parish, elect people to Council, hear reports about the work of various ministries of this church over the last year, and learn about the upcoming year's goals.



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 Budget Forum on **Sunday, June 8**, at 10:45 am, as well as a Ministry Forum on **Sunday, June 15**, at 11:30 am. Both forums will take place in Fellowship Hall.

Wear Red This Sunday for Pentecost!

Throughout our Christian year, you may notice that we use different colors for each season and sometimes for a single, special Sunday. Before we begin the long season of green being our liturgical color, this Sunday we get to celebrate Pentecost with red! We don't tend to use red as often as some of the other colors, so we encourage you to make the color red a part of your outfit this Sunday! With warm temperatures expected, maybe a red T-shirt would be in order.



Why do wear red on Pentecost? Red is the liturgical color associated with the Holy Spirit. As we read again the story with tongues of fire resting on the apostles and them being filled with the same Spirit, we celebrate that fire that continues in the Church today by adorning and outfitting St. Andrew in red. Pentecost is also considered the day the Church began, so let us say, "Happy Birthday!"

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. Go to youtube.com/watch?v=FO519LjYmAo and note the number of times volunteers are mentioned.

From removing windows in the old preschool to clearing brush and invasives, planting natives, installing a watering system, running cable in the building, recycling materials, putting down the hardwood floor in the Chapel, and building raised beds for the new Community Garden, volunteers were absolutely essential in making the project affordable. Thank you to everyone who devoted time, talent, or financial resources in support of this ambitious project for St. Andrew.



Save the Date: Farewell Party for Sister India Jensen Kerr, June 22

All are invited to a farewell party for Sister India 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.



Reasons for Hope: Renewable Power Installations Can Help Wildlife Habitats

Floating Solar: Floating solar panels are usually placed over man-made bodies of water like reservoirs and canals. Federal reservoirs alone could host up to 77,000 MW of floating solar panel capacity. That's enough to power 100 million American homes! Solar panels on reservoirs shade and cool the water beneath, helping to prevent evaporation and conserving water supplies.



These projects support aquatic life, reduce harmful algal blooms, and protect land habitats. Because floating solar panels act like a natural canopy, they provide essential shade over the water which prevents water temperatures from rising or falling too quickly, which is critical for the survival of fish, amphibians, and other aquatic species. This is important because warmer water holds less oxygen, making it harder for aquatic life to survive, and sudden drops in temperature can disrupt the metabolism and behavior of aquatic animals, slowing their growth and reproduction.

Floating solar farms also provide habitats for wildlife where fish, birds, and insects can live and reproduce. Fish can hide from predators and more safely lay eggs. Water plants along the edges of the panels provide shelter for amphibians, insects and small animals. Some floating panels have nesting boxes for birds.



At left is a photo of over 92,000 solar panels in the shape of plum blossoms, floating on a reservoir in South Korea and generating enough power for 20,000 homes.

Agrivoltaics: Agrivoltaics combine agriculture with solar energy production together on the same piece of land. Crop or livestock production or pollinator habitats are located underneath or next to solar panels. As of March 2023 the National Renewable Energy Laboratory had identified 314 agrivoltaic projects in the U.S. representing over 2,800 MW of solar capacity, most of which focused on grazing and pollinator habitats. Sheep do especially well under solar panels.

Solar panels on land create shade for the animals and help to increase the production of the plants on which they feed. The panels also reduce moisture evaporation thereby increasing humidity and protecting plants from extreme heat as well as frost in the winter. Solar vineyards are experiencing 20-60% higher yields depending on the variety of grape. Solar vineyards in France and Italy reported that not only were their grapes protected from extreme temperatures, but their irrigation needs fell by 20% - 70% and the grape mortality rate from frost dropped by 25% - 50%.



Off-Shore Wind Farms: While it is true that building these structures is devastating to the sea floor and the inhabitants there, once the turbines' foundations have been completed and the area around them recovers, they become an artificial reef for sea life. Flora and crustaceans which thrive on the artificial reefs provide food for fish, porpoise, and seals, and serve as marine sanctuaries.



These protected marine spaces could be crucial to rejuvenating fish stocks, shellfish populations, and aquatic marine mammals. Harbor seals and harbor porpoises in Holland, Germany and the U.K. gravitate toward the wind parks for protection from prey. The North Sea's cod has been dramatically overfished, but they are flourishing in the wind park in which they live. Not only were cod living in the park, but their conditions were better than those living outside the wind park because they have better protection, shelter, and forage options.

Sounds like a win-win-win to me!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Sanctuary of the Firs Sundays

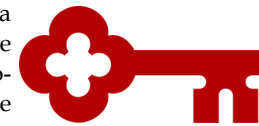


The Worship Planning Team has identified three Sundays when the people of St. Andrew are invited to worship in our Sanctuary of the Firs. Please mark your calendars for **July 6**, **August 3**, and **August 31**. On the first two of those three Sundays, Kim Taylor-Blakemore will be preaching outside,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

Key Bank Volunteers in the Community

St. Andrew banks with the local Key Bank branch just north of Sunset Highway and this week we were gratified to have their staff volunteer with some members of our Outdoor Property Team to spruce up pathways to and around the Sanctuary of the Firs. Thank you, Udy, Alex, Danielle, Kendra, Travis, and Cody!

When asked who was manning the till at the bank with so many staff working here at St. Andrew, we learned that Key Bank actually closes most of its branches for half a day each spring to do service work in the community. Thank you, Key Bank people, for helping us prepare to welcome four dozen kids to Earth Camp 2025!



Key Bank logo

Volunteers Needed for Church Housekeeping



For the next couple of months, while our housekeeper Carol Hogan is unable to work, St. Andrew could really use some volunteer help to keep our building clean and welcoming. We still need your help. Remember that our call as Christians is to share our time, talents, and treasures. Would you be willing to donate some of your time and talents each week, or even just occasionally, to help with housekeeping? To learn more and to offer your assistance, please contact the church office by email at office@standrewlutheran.com or you can call us at 503-646-0629.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Mary Ann Snider and family	Peace and God's comfort at death of son-in-law, Keith	Mary Smith
Ike Schab	Comfort and healing	Sr. India Jensen Kerr
Ruth Nickodemus	Comfort and healing	Mary Smith
Steve High (friend)	Comfort and speedy recovery	Patty Jones
Chris (son)	Healing and recovery	Jerry & Anne Williams
Alex (friend)	Peace and comfort	Lee Anne Knapp
St. Andrew Council and Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation Board		
Portland Taiwan Lutheran Church	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
All who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Seminarians and theology students, especially Sister India Jensen Kerr, Kim Taylor-Blakemore, and Kyler Vogt	Encouragement and support	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Central 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, or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

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.



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

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 Beaverton protest at: mobilize.us/nokings/event/786839.



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. Visit agelessinsights.net for more information, or call 503-208-4524.

With 48 campers registered, we need ALL the members of St. Andrew to pitch in and make this year's Earth Camp possible. Our biggest need is for "Guides" who help shepherd their group of eight kids around the camp throughout the week. We need about two dozen Camp Guides in total!

Emergency Pastoral Care

At other times, please call the church office at 503-646-0629.

Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15


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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, June 6		
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 7—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com		
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 8		
9:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary, livestream, via Zoom, and Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
10:45 am	Budget Forum	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
Monday, June 9—Church Office Closed		
7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men’s Book Club	Home of Gary Grafwallner
Tuesday, June 10		
7:00 am	Men’s Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer’s Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women.....	Elmer’s Restaurant on 158 th (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
4:00 pm	Connections Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Adult Education Team Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
Wednesday, June 11—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & charker@standrewlutheran.com		
6:00 pm	Minister of Music Candidate Interview.....	Sanctuary
Thursday, June 12		
10:00 am	Strength + Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Nature Gazing with Susanne	Sanctuary of the Firs (subject to change)
12:00 pm	Alzheimer’s Support Group.....	St. Andrew Room, Children’s Library
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Chapel, Library
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class.....	Children’s Commons
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		
8:00 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

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.