

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 1, 2025

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to help us meet our goal of 400 school kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR)! Your donations have exceeded our goals for most of the supplies requested. But we're not quite through yet! We still need more than 500 each of pens and notebooks. You can place your donations in the collection box in the narthex. Here's our most recent tally:



School Kits	Have	Need
Ruler, 30 centimeters long or with inches and centimeters on either side	400+	0
Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)	1,232	768
Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)	400+	0
Notebooks, 70-sheet of wide- or college-ruled paper; no loose-leaf paper	916	684
Crayons, box of 16 or 24	400+	0
Eraser, 2 ½ inches	400+	0
Pencil sharpener	400+	0
#2 pencils with erasers (preferably not sharpened)	2,000+	0

We still need your help assembling the school kit bags! However, we've found that most people prefer to work on them at home. So here's what we need: We have 33 bags cut that still need to be serged then sewn together, and 60 bags that just need to be sewn. If you're already a pro at constructing the school kit bags, feel free to take some home to work on; they're located in the back of the closet in Fellowship Hall where tables and chairs are stored. If you would like to help but might need some instructions, feel free to contact Pam Jelineo at 971-221-2600.

Sign Up for Upcoming Driver Safety Course

You never forget how, but it never hurts to refresh your driving skills and knowledge, especially when it could save you money! The award-winning AARP Smart Driver™ course not only updates your awareness of new road design, traffic laws, and how to adjust your driving to compensate for physical changes, it may also qualify you for a multiyear discount on your car insurance. You do not have to be a member of AARP to attend this course being hosted by St. Andrew on **Wednesday, August**



13, beginning at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. This is a single, six-hour course, with an hour break for a sack lunch. Call the church office to sign up. Cost is \$25, which covers the supplies distributed during the course. AARP members receive \$5 off.

Council Corner

The St. Andrew Council held its annual retreat in Fellowship Hall last Saturday. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about each other – who knew that we had two members interested in learning to fly? We also shared our hopes and aspirations for St. Andrew.

During the afternoon at the retreat, we discussed our goals for this year and plan to finalize the wording at our August meeting. We agreed on four new goals in addition to continuing last year's goal of supporting the search for a new Minister of Music.



Recent changes have opened new opportunities for us:

- Sister India's departure allows us to examine our current organization and discern our staffing needs. The Council approved hiring a consultant recommended by the Oregon Synod to guide us through this process. Additionally, we agreed to hire an Associate Bridge Pastor of Caring Ministries.
- As our community demographics change, we have the opportunity to support our multigenerational mission and develop a strategy to become more welcoming and supportive of younger generations.
- Paying off the mortgage provides us with the opportunity to improve our financial reporting, focusing on our ministry and mission.
- The ELCA requires us to update our constitution and bylaws, which gives us a chance to review our current policies and practices.

It promises to be a busy and exciting year.

Chuck Westwig
Council President

Worship In Sanctuary of the Firs This Sunday

We will meet again for worship in the Sanctuary of the Firs this **Sunday, August 3**, at 9:30 am. Technical limitations mean we can only offer this service online live via Zoom. A concurrent service will be held inside for those joining us in-person who find it difficult to navigate our outdoor space. We hope to see you Sunday!

Reverend Don Parsons



Memorial Service
Saturday, August 2
2:00 pm, Sanctuary

*Reception to follow
in Fellowship Hall*

New Recycling Rules for Households

After 3 years of hard work, the Recycling Modernization Act went into effect on **July 1**. We are the first state in the U.S. to implement a packaging and paper extended producer responsibility law! Following are the changes for households state-wide. Note that shredded paper now has to go into the trash.



Plastic caps are now allowed. They must be screwed onto the plastic bottles, jars, buckets, and jugs. No loose caps, and no caps on cartons.

Pizza boxes are now allowed. A small amount of grease is now OK, but no cheese, sauce, or other food. Remove paper liners. Only carryout or delivery pizza boxes, no frozen pizza boxes.



Paperback books are now allowed. No hardback books.

Plastic storage containers/bins are now allowed. This includes the lids if they are snapped on.



All types of glass bottles & jars are now allowed, not just food and beverage bottles & jars. Any glass that is not a bottle or jar is still not allowed.

Change to minimum size of plastics: Plastic bottles, jugs and round containers can now be as small as 2 inches by 2 inches. Previously the limit was 6 oz. Containers must still be round.

Change to minimum size of plant pots: Rigid plastic nursery pots can now be as small as 2 inches by 2 inches. Previously the limit was 4 inches. Remember, only rigid pots, not the flimsy ones.

Change to maximum size of scrap metal: Scrap metal, old pots & pans, etc. must now be less than 10 pounds and less than 18 inches. Previously the limit was 30 pounds and 30 inches.

Shredded paper can no longer be recycled, not even in paper bags. But you can put it in your backyard compost pile.

The following items are still recyclable in our Metro area, but not state-wide:

- Aerosol cans, if completely empty (take it to hazardous waste if not empty)
- Pressed foil products such as aluminum plates and bottles, and aluminum foil (must be clean & dry)

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Earth Camp 2025 Lost & Found



We have a box full of lost and found items here in the office that are waiting to be returned to their rightful homes. Please contact the church office at 503-646-0629 if you believe something of yours might have been left behind at this year's Earth Camp.

Caring for St. Andrew's Forest and Wetland

This Sunday, for the second time this summer, we will be worshipping in the Sanctuary of the Firs. As you walk down the path to the beautiful fir encircled space, take a moment to notice the many native plants that grow along the path. Many plants have name signs, placed by either Clean Water Services or the children who participated in this year's Earth Camp. Some of my favorites are snowberry, scouring rush, checker mallow, and ocean spray. The introduction of the native plants has led to many creatures inhabiting our forest. You may have seen the deer and birds, but we also have beaver and coyotes.

On your trip to the Sanctuary of the Firs you will also see many invasive plants that have crept in and threaten to take over our native habitat. Some particularly aggressive invasive plants you will see are Himalayan blackberry, bindweed, and English ivy. If these plants are not removed they will soon take over and block out the ability for the native plants to grow and thrive.

We at St. Andrew have an obligation to steward the beautiful forest and wetland that we have. As you observe the native plants and the invasives, please consider joining the Earth Care Team on St. Francis' Day, **October 4**, for an invasive removal work party. More information to come soon.



LuAnn Staul
Earth Care Team Chair

St. Andrew Walks with You

Following Jesus' example of meeting the needs of all people, we, the people of St. Andrew, have an opportunity to show God's love to the youth and young adults in our city who are without a home. Throughout the month of August, the Service Committee will be collecting **new adult socks** for the people who stop by



Outside In for a meal, a shower, or clothing. To contribute, you will find two barrels in the narthex (one blue and one yellow) in which you can place your donations of **new adult socks**. Thank you for demonstrating God's love to our young people!

Looking for Altar Guild Volunteers

For many of us, we arrive at worship on Sunday mornings to an Altar already set for our weekly celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion; the paten and chalices (bread plate and cups) are always prepared and in place, and the paraments (linens adorning the Altar and ambo) are coordinated to the color of the day or season.



This important work is done by the members of our Altar Guild, and they are looking for a few more people to join their efforts. For more information or to express interest in volunteering, contact Deacon Susan Werner Reiser at swerner.reiser@gmail.com.

Jean Fredrickson

Memorial Service
Friday, August 15
2:00 pm, Sanctuary



In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family & friends of Jean Fredrickson	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Judy Heidinger
Ramona Moore Kinash & family	Peace and God's comfort at death of husband, Dave	Judy Heidinger
Criss Robinson	Peace and God's comfort at the death of her cat, Nala	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Jerry Entrikin	Comfort, healing, and recovery	Jerry Entrikin
Bob Stadel (husband)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Cindy Stadel
Clay Gustafson	Healing and recovery from surgery	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Dan (father)	Healing and recovery	Casey Tkacz
Shonn (friend's son)	Healing and recovery	Lee Anne Knapp
Janet Shaw (mother)	Healing and recovery	Lee Anne Knapp
Criss Robinson	Safe return of missing cat, Mr. Blue	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Strength and wisdom	Staff
Oregon Synod Council and Staff	Courage and wisdom	Staff
Refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants	Acceptance, safety, and just treatment	Staff
Military Personnel, especially Justina Hailey Hope Bocker, Carly Keyser, Clay Keyser	Safety and guidance	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Nativity Lutheran (Bend)	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.

Learn About the Work of the St. Matthew Food Pantry

St. Andrew is a partner of the St. Matthew Food Pantry and provides food, funds, and volunteers. Have you ever wondered where that food goes, how the money is spent, or what the other 100 monthly volunteers do?

You'll find the answers at a presentation about the St. Matthew Food Pantry on **Sunday, August 10**, at 11:00 am, in Fellowship Hall. The presentation will include Pantry client services, operations, finances, and how recent governmental decisions impact food insecurity in our local community.



Through June, the Pantry has provided almost 1,600 shopping carts of food and personal hygiene products to members of our local community. The Pantry serves about 75 families a week and, through June, has served about 6,000 children and adults.

Associate Bridge Pastor of Caring Ministries Starts August 15

St. Andrew is excited to announce that our very own Pr. Colleen Nelson has agreed to serve as our Pastor of Caring Ministries while we discern our staffing needs for this clergy position moving forward. Here are a few words Pr. Colleen would like to share:



Dear members and friends of St. Andrew, I'm excited to join the staff by offering pastoral care during this transition period while the congregation is discerning future staffing needs. I was ordained in 1989 and have served congregations in Illinois, Michigan, and eastern Oregon. In addition to my seminary education in Chicago, I have advanced study in spirituality and have engaged with individuals in spiritual companionship. I look forward to getting to know members of the congregation more deeply and welcome requests for conversations and pastoral visits. My first day of availability is August 15. You can reach me through the church office or by calling or texting me.

Her telephone number will be available in the St. Andrew Contacts box below beginning with the August 15 publication of Weekly News. Until then, we wish safe travels for Pr. Colleen as she enjoys time on vacation before she starts her new role at St. Andrew.

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	Parish Executive Carol Harker	charker@standrewlutheran.com
	Administrative Assistant Martin Mills.....	office@standrewlutheran.com
	Parish Nurses Diane Reiner	503-201-4222
	Tira Nessel.....	503-866-5099

Food Pantry Donations

Mary & Mike Carroll recently delivered 101 lbs. of food donations from the barrel in the narthex to the St. Matthew Food Pantry. Thank you!



Two Prayers

St. Andrew has experienced a number of deaths recently both within and without of the parish. And so, let us pray:

Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Those in trouble or bereavement

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Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

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Preparing for Worship Sunday, August 10, 2025

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Psalm 33:12-22
Luke 12:32-40

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, August 1

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 2—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

2:00 pm Memorial Service for Don Parsons..... Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

Sunday, August 3

9:30 am Outdoor Worship Sanctuary of the Firs and via Zoom

9:30 am Indoor WorshipSanctuary

9:30 am Portland Taiwan Worship Service Chapel

10:45 am Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering Chapel

Monday, August 4—Church Office Closed

4:00 pm Connections Team Meeting Library

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal..... Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 5

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

1:00 pm Sanctuary Team Meeting Library

7:00 pm Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm HR Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, August 6—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & charker@standrewlutheran.com

Thursday, August 7

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

5:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting..... via Zoom

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

Friday, August 8

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 9—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

Sunday, August 10

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 Presentation on St. Matthew Food Pantry..... Fellowship Hall

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