

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 18, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Worship In Sanctuary of the Firs on Sunday!



A beloved summer tradition at St. Andrew, we will meet again for worship in the Sanctuary of the Firs **this Sunday, June 21**, at 9:30 am. Due to technical limitations outdoors, we are unable to offer livestreaming or playback via YouTube for this service. This Sunday, online worshippers are encouraged to attend live via Zoom instead. For those joining us in-person who may find it difficult to navigate through our outdoor space, a concurrent service will be held inside, as usual.

Introducing St. Andrew's New Church Administrator

Note: The position of Church Administrator is similar to the Parish Executive role, which Carol Harker previously held, but reworked to ensure a better work/life balance.

St. Andrew will welcome a new staff member next month: Kacey Woodbridge (she/her), who will serve as Church Administrator!

Kacey comes to St. Andrew from Hillsboro, with administrative experience in both sacred and secular settings. The search team was excited to hear of her experience working in Lutheran and Presbyterian congregations, as well as her time supporting more than 120 nurses at OHSU. She has studied business administration and marketing, and comes from a family of church secretaries and worship leaders. The team believes that she understands the important role of volunteers in the life of the church, as well as the way an ethical administrator can help a church community truly live into its core values.



Read more about Kacey in her letter to the right of this article, and we hope you'll take a moment to greet her in the Church Office after she begins on **July 7**. You will have the opportunity to meet her at a Welcome Party on **Sunday, July 12**, at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Many thanks to the members of the Search Team: Erin Castner (chair), Pr. Allison Bengfort, Steve Christiansen, Joel Johnson, and Allison Katsufrakis. We are looking forward to having Kacey as a pivotal member of St. Andrew's staff!

Welcome

Office Closed Tomorrow for Juneteenth



The Church Office will be closed **this Friday, June 19**, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. We will respond to emails and calls when the office reopens on **Tuesday, June 23**. Have a great weekend!

Introductory Letter from Kacey Woodbridge

Hello St. Andrew,

I am so happy to introduce myself and excited to be joining St. Andrew as your new Church Administrator.

I was born in Germany and, as the daughter of military families, spent much of my childhood moving from place to place before eventually settling in Oregon as a teenager. Growing up in different parts of the country gave me the opportunity to meet people from many backgrounds and experiences, something I have always been grateful for.

These days, life revolves around my 11 year old daughter, Roslyn. Being her mom has been the greatest joy of my life, and much of my time is spent cheering her on as she explores the world, discovers new interests, and grows into the remarkable person she is becoming.

When I'm not working, you'll usually find me with a camera in hand, exploring the coast, foraging, or experimenting with herbal teas, tinctures, and salves. I have a habit of coming home from walks with pockets full of interesting leaves, flowers, or mushrooms.

My own faith journey has taken me through many traditions and communities over the years, which may be one reason I felt so at home during the interview process at St. Andrew. What stood out to me was the warmth, authenticity, and genuine care I experienced in every conversation.



I look forward to getting to know you, hearing your stories, and supporting the life and ministry of St. Andrew. If you see me around, please stop and say hello. It may take me a little while to learn everyone's names, but I promise I'll be trying.

I'm grateful to be here and excited for what lies ahead. One of my favorite sayings is that you can't be sad sitting by water, eating bread. I think that's because some of life's best moments are often the simplest ones: good conversation, shared laughter, and feeling genuinely welcomed. From my very first conversations at St. Andrew, I felt that spirit here, and I look forward to getting to know all of you.

Warmly,
Kacey Woodbridge
Incoming Church Administrator

Reducing Food Waste



According to the manager of the Washington County waste management division, **27% of material that goes into landfills is food waste!** Food waste in landfills creates methane gas, which is a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon.

That's why reducing our food waste is so important! Imagine being able to reduce food waste *and* cut your grocery bill by 30% in the process.

How do landfills work? A large hole, measured in acres, is dug into the earth. The hole is lined with clay, a heavy-duty plastic liner, and a fabric layer that protects the plastic from punctures. Every day, garbage trucks dump refuse into the hole. The trash is then compacted in the hole with large equipment and covered with dirt. This process continues until the hole is filled. Because the garbage is covered with dirt, oxygen cannot get in. When trash decomposes without oxygen, methane gas is created. Methane gas is 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide! However, methane lasts for a shorter amount of time (about 7-12 years) than carbon dioxide, the latter of which persists in the atmosphere for centuries.

Landfills contribute to global warming by releasing methane into the atmosphere. Every year, ten percent of all methane released into the atmosphere globally comes from food waste and other organic materials we add to landfills. That makes landfills the third largest source of human-created methane on the planet! That is why it is so important to not put your food waste, kitchen scraps, or yard debris into the garbage can.

Tips to reduce food waste:

1. Establish an "Eat Me First" drawer. Today's refrigerators are so huge that it is easy to lose track of what is in there! As food starts to reach the end of its life, move it to the "EMF" drawer. That way you can see at a glance what needs to be used before it goes bad.
2. Shop in your refrigerator and pantry before visiting the grocery store. Be sure to take inventory of what you already have prior to your shopping trip.
3. Freeze it. Is something approaching its expiration date? Are leftovers about to be too old? Is food beginning to wilt? Act now! Simply freeze this food and prevent it from ending up in the trash. You can freeze yogurt and kale for use in smoothies. Extra pasta sauce, left over from a recipe that called for only half a jar, can be frozen. Milk can be frozen.
4. Make homemade soup stock. Many left over veggies and kitchen scraps, such as carrot tops, celery stalks, onion skins and pieces, mushroom bits, tomatoes, etc., can make a great soup base. Just designate a container to keep in the freezer and add chopped up bits of what you used to throw away. When the container gets full, simply simmer the contents in a pot of water for a couple hours, add seasonings, and voila, you have a tasty and healthy soup stock! You can do the same with beef and chicken bones.
5. Make smoothies. Any fruits that are slightly mushy and nearing the end can go into a smoothie for a quick breakfast. You can also add things like slightly wilted spinach or old lettuce, which don't really contribute much to the flavor but do add nutrition.



If you still end up having to throw away food, putting it into the bin that goes to the landfill should be your last option. If your yard waste hauler allows you to put food in your bin, be sure to put it there instead of in the trash. Of course, if you have your own compost pile, you should use that. There are kitchen composting machines which are good for apartment dwellers. The last resort should be the trash.



Note that you should not put animal products such as meat, bones, dairy, or fat into your backyard compost, as it will smell bad and attract rats. Those items can go into the curbside yard waste bin because these systems heat up to high temperatures that kill dangerous pathogens and don't attract varmints.

Thanks for caring!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Join St. Andrew in Pride Beaverton Parade



St. Andrew will be walking in Pride Beaverton's parade on **Sunday, June 28**. The parade begins at 11:00 am on the corner of 2nd & Washington, one block north of the farmers market lot. If you are interested in walking, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. It is a short course out into the neighborhood and back to the festival booths at the farmers market lot.

You can also just watch the parade along the route, and stay to enjoy the festival and local vendors afterward. However you decide to participate, we hope to see you there!

HomePlate Thanks St. Andrew Foundation

Thank you so much to the St. Andrew Foundation for the generous \$2,000 grant award for HomePlate Youth Services. We are very grateful for the support from the Foundation for HomePlate and the youth we serve.

HomePlate is providing life-saving and life-changing support for youth at the most critical transitional stage of development. Your contribution will help us continue to fund our Drop-In Program, making sure youth have the resources they need to succeed and feel safe.



For 21 years, HomePlate has been the only age-appropriate service provider of street outreach county-wide, also providing drop-in and housing services for young people ages 12-24 experiencing homelessness and housing instability. HomePlate envisions a welcoming community where all youth feel a sense of belonging and value, and where housing is safe, accessible, and sustainable. With your gift and participation, we have the collective power in Washington County to realize a future where youth homelessness does not exist. This is an attainable future, but only with your support.

Thank you again for your gift and for your dedication to youth in Washington County.

With gratitude,
Carly Bornmann
HomePlate's Associate Director of
Development and Communications

April 2026 by the Numbers

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

In-person:	172
Online:	190
Total:	362

Weekly Revenue

Average Weekly Revenue, including offerings, building use, etc.:	\$13,459
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Average Weekly Revenue needed to fully cover all budgeted expenses and end the year without a deficit:	\$15,115
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Fiscal Year to Date Revenue

Actual:	\$728,966
Budgeted:	\$587,356

Fiscal Year to Date Expenses

Actual:	\$613,273
Budgeted:	\$654,973

Fiscal Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)

Actual:	\$115,693
Budgeted:	(\$67,618)



May 2026 by the Numbers

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

In-person:	121
Online:	96
Total:	217

Weekly Revenue

Average Weekly Revenue, including offerings, building use, etc.:	\$13,459
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Average Weekly Revenue needed to fully cover all budgeted expenses and end the year without a deficit:	\$15,115
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Fiscal Year to Date Revenue

Actual:	\$802,552
Budgeted:	\$646,091

Fiscal Year to Date Expenses

Actual:	\$671,182
Budgeted:	\$720,471

Fiscal Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)

Actual:	\$131,369
Budgeted:	(\$74,379)

Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Committee Gathering at St. Andrew

For many years, Dan Fako was on Habitat for Humanity's Board of Directors as well as its Interfaith Committee. He also hosted St. Andrew's participation at the Hope Builder Lunch, and organized people to volunteer at building sites and ReStores.



This year, Noelle & I hosted 11 people from St Andrew at the Hope Builder Lunch, and now I'm asking you to consider participating in the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Committee gathering that I am hosting in Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, July 29**, between 1:00 pm & 2:30 pm.

The Interfaith Committee of Habitat for Humanity Portland Region is a community of leaders and volunteers from a diverse array of faith backgrounds. Members share the common goal of helping individuals and families in the community build strength, stability, and independence through affordable homeownership. Interfaith Committee members roll up their sleeves at Habitat ReStores and build sites, provide snacks and meals for volunteers on build sites, and organize hands-on opportunities that make it easy for faith communities to serve together. At this meeting you'll hear updates on current projects, learn how faith communities are engaging with Habitat in 2026, and help shape what's ahead. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided.

Some of the churches that are members of the Interfaith Committee organize crews to work together at a project site. It would be great if we had a St. Andrew-based team—are you interested in being part of a work crew? Also, there are presently nine organizations supporting Habitat's Pope Leo Village Partnership Hub, six of which are churches. Sponsored by an anonymous donor who was inspired by Pope Leo XIV's commitment to justice and service, the 18-city Pope Leo Village campaign is bringing together people of all faiths, identities, and generations. It is part of a nationwide initiative to build more than 212 homes. You are invited to join Portland's Pope Leo Village in building 17 affordable homes at Habitat's Twenty Fifth Terrace community in Southwest Portland.

Please let me know of your interest in participating, or ask me your questions, by emailing tamehlhorn97@gmail.com. To learn more about the Interfaith Committee of Habitat Portland, go to habitatportlandregion.org/volunteer/interfaith-committee. And for information on the Pope Leo Village campaign, or to donate, visit habitatportlandregion.org/donate/popeleovillage.

Tom Mehlhorn

Calling All Jazzers!

On **July 19**, we'll be celebrating Jazz Sunday at St. Andrew, and we'd love to feature members of our congregation in the music-making!



Are you a jazz musician? Do you play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or another instrument? Are you a jazz enthusiast looking for a chance to share your gifts? Whether you're a seasoned performer or just enjoy playing for fun we'd love to hear from you.

If you'd like to participate, please email St. Andrew's Minister of Music, John Gladen, at jgladen@standrewlutheran.com or find him after worship for a chat. Let's make some joyful noise and bring a little swing to worship!

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Pr. Susan Kintner & family	Peace and God's comfort at the death of her brother, Jack	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Gary Mann (son-in-law)	Desired test results	Jerry Entrikin
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Effective treatment	Judy Scholz
Glenath Moyle	Healing and recovery	Camille Jackson
Brian & Lori Tubbs (brother & sister-in-law)	Healing and recovery after being struck by a vehicle	Francine Cach
Wayland Jensen (friend)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Erin Castner
Connie Losk	Healing and recovery from surgery	Mary Smith
Kyler Vogt	Healing and recovery from oral surgery	Staff
Steve Staul (husband)	Healing and speedy recovery from hip replacement	LuAnn Staul
Amy Fiegenbaum	Love, strength, and endurance	Tammy Blanchard
Joan	Peace and strength following cancer diagnosis	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Lee Anne Knapp	Strength and peace	Lee Anne Knapp
Those receiving ongoing pastoral care, including Bob Brown, Dave Bumgardner, Bettye Eldridge, Margaret Herder, Vera Hutchinson, Glenath Moyle, Sharon Roth, 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 Our Savior's (Prineville) and Church of the Good Shepherd (Madras)	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. Requests will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless otherwise specified.

Why Is It Difficult to Find a Primary Care Provider in Oregon?

Have you or a loved one tried to find a primary care provider, only to have to wait for months? Do you find it increasingly difficult to book an appointment with your primary care provider? Have prior authorization headaches impacted your ability to address health issues?



St. Andrew is a member of the Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good. MACG's Healthcare Access research team has spent the last year researching these questions. The team has learned a lot about how complex the problem is. It has also identified a possible avenue to address one of the barriers providers and patients experience as they try to access the best healthcare possible.

MACG is ready to share what has been learned, and propose a possible way forward.

Please join MACG for this Civic Academy where you will learn what has been shared with the team about this complex issue. You will learn about some of the challenges of addressing this issue (spoiler alert: it is *very* complicated) and explore what ways are possible to move forward. This Civic Academy will be held **Sunday, July 19**, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, at Havurah Shalom (825 NW 18th Ave) in Northwest Portland. For more information about this opportunity, and to RSVP, please visit macg.org/pcp_shortage_ca.

Pat Christiansen and Amy Peahl are members of the Healthcare Access team. You're welcome to speak with them regarding any questions you have. And please plan now to join us as we take this next step to make access to primary healthcare available to all.

Thank You to the Foundation

To the Members of the St. Andrew Foundation Board,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. I am humbled by your support and generosity, and your belief in my seminary journey.

I am so proud to serve St. Andrew – what we have here is a special, special church. I am deeply grateful.



Blessings,
Kim Taylor-Blakemore



Meal Train®

Sign up for Christina Mantey & Robert Casteel's MealTrain® at mealtrain.com/813d44.

For short-term moments of need create a free personal MealTrain®, or sign up to provide meals, at mealtrain.com/groups/standrewlutheranbeaverton.

For more information, or to notify when creating a new one, email mealtrain@standrewlutheran.com.

Preparing for Worship Sunday, June 28, 2026

Romans 6:12-23
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Matthew 10:40-42

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Thursday, June 18

10:00 am	Strength + Stability with Susanne	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Constitution Update Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Library (Main Level)
7:00 pm	Council Meeting	Chapel, St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Wing Chun Class	Children's Commons

Friday, June 19—Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 20—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, June 21

9:30 am	Outdoor Worship	Sanctuary of the Firs and via Zoom
9:30 am	Indoor Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Church Fellowship Gathering	Chapel
5:30 pm	Topgolf for High School Youth	Offsite

Monday, June 22

9:00 am	Earth Camp 2026	St. Andrew Parking Lot
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Tuesday, June 23—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & assistant@standrewlutheran.com

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	Earth Camp 2026	St. Andrew Parking Lot
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 24—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & assistant@standrewlutheran.com

9:00 am	Earth Camp 2026	St. Andrew Parking Lot
11:00 am	Alzheimer's Support Group	St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Al-Anon Family Group Meeting	Chapel

Thursday, June 25

9:00 am	Earth Camp 2026	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 26

9:00 am	Earth Camp 2026	St. Andrew Parking Lot
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 27—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

Sunday, June 28

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
2:30 pm	Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal	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.