

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

June 5, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Earth Camp 2026 Needs You!



With just a few weeks left before camp begins, we are actively and urgently recruiting volunteers to help make St. Andrew's annual Earth Camp a success! Check your calendar for the week of **June 22-26**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day.

We would love to have full-day volunteers for all five days, but any amount of help is greatly appreciated. We cannot run camp safely with our current staffing, so please get the word out!

Our greatest need is for camper guides: volunteers who lead a small group of campers throughout the day. Guides build relationships with their groups and help campers transition between stations and activities. These positions are a great fit for adults, as well as high school and college students. If you aren't available, do you know someone who might be?

If you'd like more information, are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please reach out to either one of the Earth Camp directors, Kyler Vogt (kvogt@standrewlutheran.com) or Emily Staat (earthcampassistant@gmail.com). We'd love to have you join us!

St. Andrew Budget Forum Is This Sunday

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The recent successful stewardship campaign marked the beginning of the process to create St. Andrew's 2026-2027 budget. The Budget Team—consisting of Tim Duggan, Ron Castner, Joel Johnson, Chuck Weswig, and Pr. Allison Bengfort—has been working on the budget for the past several months, a draft of which was presented at the Council meeting in April. A slightly revised version of the budget was approved by the Council at its May meeting, and will be presented to the congregation for final approval at the Annual Meeting. Many individuals have contributed to the budget numbers, and Jim McGarvey provided invaluable analysis of the revenue forecast.

Join us **this Sunday, June 7**, at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall, for a presentation of this proposed budget. Tim Duggan will share details about the revenue forecast, expense assumptions, and fund balances. This is an opportunity to become better informed about the finances of St. Andrew prior to the Annual Meeting.



Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Andrew Lutheran Church

**Tuesday,
June 16, 2026**

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
in Fellowship Hall
and via Zoom

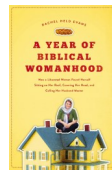


Member packets are
available in the narthex
by the sanctuary doors.

Members will vote on
Council nominees and
the proposed budget.

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book Group will meet in the upstairs library **this Sunday, June 7**, at 2:30 pm, with Lindsey Trowbridge leading discussion on *A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband Master* by Rachel Held Evans.



This book chronicles one year the author spent attempting to live as a woman according to some literal (and not so literal) interpretations of the Bible. Through her interviews with Orthodox Jewish women, Christian scholars, and others, she attempts to distinguish between what is Biblical and what is cultural.

Below are the upcoming titles selected for each of the next four months. Exact dates and discussion leaders are to be announced.

July, *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers: A Novel* by Jesse Q. Sutanto; **August**, *54 Miles: A Novel* by Leonard Pitts, Jr.; **September**, *Human Nature: Nine Ways to Feel about Our Changing Planet* by Kate Marvel; **October**, *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali.

Latest St. Andrew Foundation Grants

The St. Andrew Foundation provides funding for creative worship, education, and outreach opportunities that are in alignment with St. Andrew Lutheran Church's values. At its May 14 meeting, the Foundation Board reviewed a scholarship request and two grant applications. All three were unanimously approved.



On Sunday, May 17, the Foundation presented St. Andrew's seminarian, Kim Taylor-Blakemore, with a \$1,000 scholarship toward her educational expenses. The Board also approved a \$2,000 grant to HomePlate Youth Services, which provides drop-in and housing services to Washington County youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Thank you to Fran Miller for her advocacy for this grant. Finally, we approved a \$1,000 grant to Project Lemonade whose mission is inspiring self-esteem in foster youth and providing them with the resources, opportunities, and connections that youth in foster care need to succeed in school life. Thank you to Erin Castner and the Service Committee for their advocacy for Project Lemonade.

During the announcements at the beginning of worship, **this Sunday, June 7**, we will present a check to Carly Bornmann from HomePlate Youth Services, and another to Gail Andersen from Project Lemonade the next **Sunday, June 14**. Both organizations will have the opportunity to provide information about their programs and services at a table in the narthex following the worship services. Want to know more about how to support the St. Andrew Foundation? Go to the "Foundation" tab on the St. Andrew website, or look for the future celebratory event the Board is planning to host where you will be able to learn more about ways to contribute to the Foundation.

It's Vacation Season, Let's Do It Sustainably!

Sustainable travel has three main aspects according to the World Tourism Organization: environmental, economic, and socio-cultural. When done correctly, sustainable travel strikes a balance between all three. In short, it is about minimizing your impact on the environment when you travel, making sure the local population benefits from your tourism (and isn't left to clean up your mess), creating fair employment, and – most importantly – taking care of the destination so its inhabitants and future generations can continue to enjoy it. When done well, sustainable travel actually creates a better experience for the traveler because you genuinely get to learn about a new culture and meet some fascinating people.



When you go to a destination, you are going to someone's home. Someone lives there, works there, commutes there, gets their food from there, and has family there. So, while for you it's a beautiful beach or an old building that feels like something out of *Harry Potter*, it is home for someone else.

Unsustainable travel has many effects that you can see while visiting, and others that linger once you're gone. Mainly, it results in over-tourism, which isn't pretty and includes: pollution from cars, an overwhelmed electric grid, skyrocketing rent prices for local residents, more waste than the local system can manage, overcrowded roads and bridges, and the disappearance of local wildlife or habitat destruction to make room for resorts.

What can you do to travel sustainably? Look for cool locations that are off the beaten path. If you must see a popular destination, go during the off-season which doesn't put as much pressure on the local economy. It is generally cheaper to travel in the off-season as well! You could also choose a destination based on it being a location that needs your help both economically and physically.

Try to explore closer to home first to reduce your carbon footprint. Personally, there are many places in the Pacific Northwest that I have yet to explore!

Think about using [Homestay.com](https://www.homestay.com), instead of a hotel or Airbnb. Homestay connects you to hosts throughout the world where you stay in a person's occupied home. Every home has a host present who will help you experience life in a new place. These hosts provide a truly affordable and safe way to stay, help you learn a new language, show you around town, or tell you where you can go to rent a bicycle.

Or consider [RegenerativeTravel.com](https://www.regenerativetravel.com).

It's a travel company that has built a bridge between conscious travelers and establishments that restore ecosystems and uplift communities, proving tourism can give more than it takes. Every hotel property with Regenerative Travel actively restores ecosystems, supports rewilding, and reduces its environmental footprint. Tourism revenue flows directly to local communities through ownership, employment, and cultural preservation.

[ResponsibleTravel.com](https://www.responsibletravel.com) is a British travel company whose goals are to fight climate change and sustain nature in ways that are just and inclusive for the local people. It defines responsible travel as benefiting places and people. That means that it aims to avoid harming nature and wildlife, has a positive impact where possible, and benefits communities economically and socially.



And, of course, you will want to carry your own reusable water bottle, coffee cup, and utensils, to avoid single-use plastics at hotels, restaurants, and markets. Happy travels!

Liz Hardy
Earth Care Team

Earth Camp for Everyone: Sunday, June 14

You are never too young, or too old, to come home to Earth. The Earth Care Team is offering an opportunity for everyone to spend an afternoon experiencing the fun and learning that occurs at St. Andrew's annual Earth Camp for elementary-aged children. "Families Coming Home to Earth" will be the theme of this event being held **Sunday, June 14**, from 11:00 am to 2:15 pm.



Earth Camp for Everyone will engage the St. Andrew community in multi-generational activities that will guide participants in ways to connect and appreciate our relationship with Earth. This will include interactive teaching stations such as storytime, crafts, composting & earth worms, and Earth discovery. Lunch will be provided for those who sign up in advance, and the day will end with closing music and celebration!

Whether you're young-at-heart or an old soul, join us for an afternoon of summer-camp-style fun! If you plan to attend, please use the sign-up sheet located on the Earth Care bulletin board, across from the coffee bar in the narthex. Hope to see you there!

LuAnn Staul
Earth Care Team Chair

Donate Old Keys for Earth Camp Crafts



Do you have a bag of keys that you no longer use? These could be from cars you've gotten rid of or from other previous locks. Luggage keys work, too. The campers this year will be making windchimes, for which keys will be used as clappers. Four keys are required for each camper. We only need about 35 more keys to have enough for everyone. Check your junk drawers; this is an opportunity to repurpose those unused keys! There is a basket on the coffee bar in the narthex to drop donated keys.

Susan Reiser & Beth Johnson
Earth Camp Arts & Crafts Leaders

A Note of Thanks from Pastor G. Lee Kluth

I was ordained at St. Andrew by Bishop "Gib" Fjellman (bishop emeritus of the former Pacific Northwest Synod of the LCA) on June 6, 1976! When I was thinking about that special celebration 50 years ago, I thought about people in St. Andrew who were mentors for me prior to my ordination. I remember the Geldakers, the Hansons, Bill Moore, Pr. Burt Schroeder, and others! THANK YOU for your support, prayers, and connections over the years, and for the memories I have carried with me! May God's blessings continue to be with the people and pastors of St. Andrew!

Pr. G. Lee Kluth
SHS-65 | PLU-69 | NWLTS-76



Associate Bridge Pastor Away for Six Weeks



Please be aware that Pr. Colleen Nelson is out of town through **June 19**. For pastoral care during her time away, please contact the Church Office during business hours at 503-646-0629, or you can reach Pr. Allison Bengfort directly by calling 563-210-6304.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
K. D. (friend)	Accurate diagnosis and successful treatment	Rebecca Uecker
Mary Brown	Effective treatment	Mary Brown
Carol Hogan	Guidance and strength in navigating current life changes	Carol Hogan
Triniti Gossett (granddaughter)	Healing and recovery	Donna & Warren McAlpine
Brian & Lori Tubbs (brother & sister-in-law)	Healing and recovery after being struck by a vehicle	Francine Cach
Stormy & family	Patience, resilience, and proper health care	Amber Sterlinski
Joan	Peace and strength while awaiting results from medical testing	Pr. Allison Bengfort
Greg (friend)	Peace and strength following cancer diagnosis	Linda Fransen
Bonita (friend)	Peace and acceptance of husband Greg's cancer diagnosis	Linda Fransen
Stacye Erickson (cousin)	Peace, strength, and healing from new round of cancer treatment	Dana Taylor-Blakemore
Joan (friend)	Proper care and improved health	Linda Fransen
Kevin (partner)	Strength during cancer treatment	Camille Jackson
Connie Losk	Successful surgery on June 10	Mary Smith
Kyler Vogt	Successful oral surgery on June 11	Staff
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 Brocker, Carly Keyser, Clay Keyser	Safety and guidance	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Grace First (Bend) and Nativity (Bend)	Blessings on their ministry	Staff

Pride Beaverton: Join St. Andrew in the Parade on June 28

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 see Jan Smith following worship on Sunday to get signed up. 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! Want to show your pride with a St. Andrew T-shirt? There are two large-sized green St. Andrew pride T-shirts available for purchase at the Church Office for \$25 each. However you participate, we hope to see you there!



St. Andrew Foundation Board Election at Annual Meeting

The St. Andrew Foundation Board looks forward to your participation in the brief Foundation meeting and election that will be held near the end of St. Andrew's Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, June 16**. Foundation President Tom Mehlhorn will briefly highlight the status and accomplishments of the St. Andrew Foundation, as found in the Annual Report. At this meeting, the Board will be saying farewell to Tira Nessel and thanking her for her years of service on the Foundation Board.



Also during this meeting, you will be asked to elect Cathy Fallon to fill the Board's vacancy. Here is a brief bio of Cathy:

"My name is Cathy Fallon, and my husband is Tom. We moved here about two years ago to be near our daughter and her family. We joined St. Andrew in January of 2025. We moved from the Atlanta area where we lived for 40+ years. I was a member of an ELCA church there for 30 years where I was very active. I taught Sunday School and VBS, was in choir, co-led an Alzheimer's support group, and was a Stephen Leader, to name a few. I am a retired elementary school teacher. We knew St. Andrew was our new church home the first time we visited."

St. Andrew Contacts

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Parish Nurses Diane Reiner	503-201-4222
Tira Nessel	503-866-5099

Let Us 'Bake' Bread Together

Do you like to bake? We need your talents to prepare the gluten-free bread we use for Holy Communion at Sunday worship. More bakers are needed to supply enough bread for our growing congregation. To volunteer, please email Carolyn Teifel at carolynteifel@comcast.net.

She will send you the recipe along with directions. Volunteers typically bake communion bread about once a month. A big "thank you" to all who support St. Andrew's ministry and worship through this important task and blessed offering.



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 14, 2026

Exodus 19:2-8
Psalm 100
Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, June 5

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 6—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 7

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 Budget Forum Fellowship Hall

2:30 pm Spirituality Book Group Library (Main Level)

Monday, June 8

2:00 pm Men's Book Club Home of Ted Miller

Tuesday, June 9

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)

9:00 am Facility Management Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm Bridge Group Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm Worship at The Springs Chapel @ The Springs at Tanasbourne

5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Chapel

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00 pm Community Organizing Team Meeting St. Andrew Room

Wednesday, June 10—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to office@standrewlutheran.com & assistant@standrewlutheran.com

7:00 pm Al-Anon Family Group Meeting Chapel

Thursday, June 11

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm Alzheimer's Support Group St. Andrew Room, Children's Library

1:00 pm Staff Workshop Chapel, Library (Main Level)

7:00 pm Foundation Team Meeting Library (Main Level)

7:00 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons

Friday, June 12

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 13—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

10:00 am MACG Core Team Training, Part II Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 14

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 Earth Camp for Everyone Patio

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.