

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 14, 2026

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

Worship Service:
Sunday, 9:30 am

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Brass Quintet Joins Worship This Sunday!



Join us for worship this Sunday, August 16, as St. Andrew will be blessed with bright and beautiful sounds from its brass quintet offering music in a lively mix of dixieland and ragtime styles. The quintet's joyful, spirited music will add a unique, uplifting, and energizing dimension to our morning. See you there!

St. Andrew Walks with You

For many years, St. Andrew has supported Outside In by collecting necessities for those seeking its help. Thus far, the total number of new adult pairs of socks collected are: 79 men's and 71 women's, totaling 150. Last year, 483 pairs of socks were delivered to the organization. We do have a ways to go—please check the back to school sales.



We appreciate all the socks that has been donated, but, due to hygiene and health of all concerned, Outside In **cannot** accept used socks. You have an opportunity to show God's love and live out St. Andrew's values of Community Care and Neighbor Care by purchasing **new adult socks**, which may be placed in either the blue or yellow barrels in the narthex. The collection drive will continue through August 30. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

Service Committee

July 2026 by the Numbers

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

In-person:	100
Online:	92
Total:	192

Weekly Revenue

Average Weekly Revenue, including offerings, building use, etc.:	\$13,016
Average Weekly Revenue needed to fully cover all budgeted expenses and end the year without a deficit:	\$15,115

Fiscal Year to Date Revenue

Actual:	\$52,062
Budgeted:	\$59,210

Fiscal Year to Date Expenses

Actual:	\$52,902
Budgeted:	\$65,876

Fiscal Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)

Actual:	\$2,865
Budgeted:	(\$2,544)

LWR School Kits Supply Collection Update



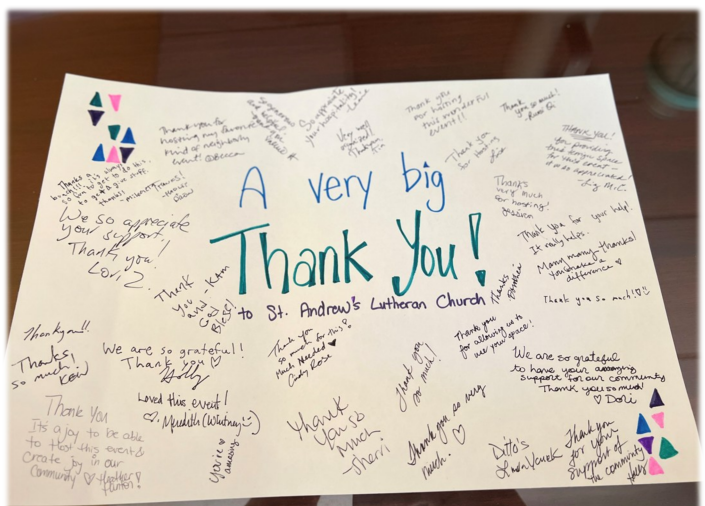
St. Andrew continues to collect donations for school kits that, once assembled, are boxed up and shipped by Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to those all around the world coping with poverty, disaster, conflict, and more.

A sign-up sheet is available on the coffee bar if you would like to help pin and sew the remaining bags needed. Signing up gives us an idea of the days and times people are available to help with this project. Below you will find what supplies are still needed to accomplish St. Andrew's goal of filling 300 bags. These numbers are updated every week until the goal is met.

SCHOOL KIT SUPPLY LIST	Have	Need
Notebooks, 70-sheet of wide- or college-ruled paper; no loose-leaf paper	1,022	178
Crayons, box of 16 or 24	385	<u>0</u>
Pencil sharpener	176	124
Ruler, 30 centimeters long, or a ruler with inches on one side <u>and</u> centimeters on the other	202	98
Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)	418	<u>0</u>
#2 pencils with erasers (preferably unsharpened)	1,369	131
Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)	1,066	434
Eraser, 2 ½ inches	230	70

A Very Big "Thank You" to St. Andrew!

Last Saturday, St. Andrew hosted a local Buy Nothing Project's free swap event. In gratitude, the group submitted a thank-you poster you can now view on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Trees and Wetlands: Part I

Adapted from the Treekeepers of Washington County's newsletter



The St. Andrew woods also include a large wetland that provides a diverse ecosystem. A wetland is an ecosystem where land is covered or saturated by water, either permanently or seasonally, including streams, lakes, marshes, and more.

Wetlands teem with life, supporting 40% of all plant and animal species on Earth and acting as breeding grounds, nurseries, and stopover points for migratory birds. More than one-third of our nation's threatened and endangered species live only in wetlands. Trees are a vital part of healthy wetlands, quietly providing benefits that extend far beyond the edges of the wetland. Here in Washington County, where rivers and seasonal rains shape the landscape, our wetlands' trees filter the water, shelter wildlife, absorb rain like a sponge, prevent erosion, and cool everything.

Here are some of the many benefits they provide:

- **Absorbing Water.** One of the most important jobs wetlands perform is slowing and absorbing rainwater, and trees are critical to this function. Wetlands provide natural flood control. Their vegetation, tall to small, as well as their ponds, channels, and marshy soils, act like sponges. They hold water, preventing it from immediately rushing downstream. Trees help by absorbing and using tremendous amounts of water through their roots for growth. A single tree can capture many hundreds of gallons of water. This helps prevent flooding after heavy downpours.
- **Preventing Erosion.** Tree roots do more than just keep trees standing tall; they also hold the soil firmly in place. The water from a storm event increases erosion and deposits large amounts of sediment, both of which can destroy important habitats and breeding grounds. Tree roots act like a net to help hold soil in place, preventing it from being washed away by the rain and reducing erosion along rivers, streams, and floodplains. Fallen tree trunks and branches slow moving water, allowing sediment to settle instead of washing away valuable topsoil. The vegetation of trees and shrubs in a wetland also creates friction that slows the rate of runoff and floodwater, lessening its power to erode. That gives the water time to seep into soil, recharging groundwater.
- **Filtering Water.** Wetland trees are natural water filters. As water moves through a wetland, and tree roots slow the movement of the water, it's not just sediment that is being allowed to settle. It's also the pollutants being carried with it. Trees are very good at removing nutrients (such as nitrates and phosphates) and contaminants (such as metals, pesticides, solvents, oils, and hydrocarbons) from soil and water. These pollutants are either used by the trees for growth (nutrients) or are stored in wood. And, in the process, water quality is improved.
- **Providing Habitat for Wildlife.** Because wetlands support high rates of plant productivity, they are some of the most productive ecosystems around, with a varied and complex food web both within and outside of the wetland. For many species, like the Canada goose, wood duck, great blue heron, beaver, and many more, wetlands are not only their primary habitat but may be the only places they can live. Migratory species in particular depend on wetlands to rest, feed, roost, and breed. Trees and snags provide nesting sites or buffers for nest sites and places for wildlife to hide from predators. Amphibians shelter among roots and fallen logs. Insects feed

on leaves and bark, and in turn provide food for fish, birds, and mammals. Fish hide in the shadows of trees. When trees topple over and fall into the water, they create pools and hiding places for young salmon and other aquatic species. As fallen leaves tumble into the water, they settle to the bottom where aquatic larvae of winged insects gobble up, shred, and collect fragments of leaves and wood. Hungry fish, both adults and youngsters, snatch up those larvae.

- **Cooling the Water.** The shade provided by trees cools the water a few degrees compared to areas without such vegetation. Those few degrees can mean life or death for fish and other aquatic species. For them, the cooler the water, the better. Water that is too warm can make these animals susceptible to disease and parasites, or even make breathing impossible. Developing fish and aquatic insect eggs can't exist without the shade of wetland trees.

Look for more information about wetlands in upcoming articles.

LuAnn Staul
Earth Care Team

MACG Foundations of Organizing Training

"My interest in MACG started because I wanted to be more involved at church and to impact change within my local community. I wasn't anticipating that my involvement with MACG would have such an impact on my professional and career development, strengthening my public speaking, relationship-building, and communication skills. I've noticed an increase in comfort and confidence when facilitating meetings and delivering presentations. MACG offers hands-on training to strengthen skills that will benefit your career and personal goals." —Amy Peahl

Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG) is an alliance of organizations that work together on issues that are important to their members. St. Andrew has been a member since 2018. In order to do our work, we practice tried-and-true techniques for building leadership skills, organizing people power, and strengthening institutions. We learn these techniques at training events. The next event will be held in late August, over two sessions, both 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, on **Saturdays, August 22 & 29**. Learn more and register by visiting macg.org/august_2026.



Amy Peahl and Pat Christiansen are members of the Training Team and will be two of the leaders for this event. Please check in with either of them if you have any questions.

Spirituality Book Group News

The Spirituality Book group will meet on **Sunday, August 23**, at 2:30 pm to discuss the book *54 Miles: A Novel* by Leonard Pitts, Jr.

As historical fiction, this novel chronicles the fateful weeks of March 1965—from the infamous "Bloody Sunday" march at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, on March 7 to the triumphant entry into Montgomery on March 25 that climaxed the voting rights campaign—and the lives of the families who find themselves confronting the past amid this historic flashpoint in American history.

All are welcome to join the discussion, which will be held in the upstairs library. LuAnn Staul will lead this month's book group. Here are the dates, leaders, and titles selected for future meetings of the book group: **September 20**, Mary Smith leads discussion on *Human Nature: Nine Ways to Feel about Our Changing Planet* by Kate Marvel; **October 25**, Fran Miller leads discussion on *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali; and **November 22**, discussion is on *Born Survivors: Three Young Mothers and Their Extraordinary Story of Courage, Defiance, and Hope* by Wendy Holden.

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
K. D. (friend)	Accurate diagnosis and successful treatment of chronic pain	Rebecca Uecker
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Comfort and peace as she begins hospice care	Judy Scholz
Liz Roscoe (daughter)	Healing and recovery from surgery	Susan Reiser
Mary Smith	Healing and recovery from pneumonia	Mary Smith
Alex Stinekraus	Healing and recovery	Alex Stinekraus
Kevin (partner)	Healing and relief from chemotherapy	Camille Jackson
Lee Anne Knapp	Strength and support	Lee Anne Knapp
Bethany (daughter-in-law)	Successful treatment and healing	Mary Smith
Family of Bethany (named above)	Comfort and peace while awaiting her successful treatment	Mary Smith
Becky Clark and her caregiver, Kristen (friend and friend's daughter)	Strength and comfort	Sue Cahlander
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
People experiencing hopelessness, desperation, or suicidal thoughts	Healing, strength, and support	Staff
All who imprisoned	Peace and strength	Staff
Churches serving with us in the Oregon Synod, especially Faith (North Bend) and Zion (Port Orford)	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.		

Water, Water, Everywhere...



During the final three weeks of September, St. Andrew will participate in the Season of Creation, an ecumenical worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. The theme for this year is "Living Water." Each Sunday of this season, our worship will focus on gratitude to God, Creator of all things, especially water, lamenting our failures to steward this precious gift, and exploring ways in which we can protect our environment and work toward a more just and life-giving world for the entire human family as well as the non-human creation.

As part of this celebration, there will be a Blessing of the Waters. You are invited to bring a small sample of water from any source that is meaningful to you. It can be from a vacation trip, from your favorite fishing hole or swimming pool, from rainfall, even from the water you drink or give to your thirsty plants. Small watertight bottles are available in the narthex. Collect your sample (safely, please!), label it with your name and the source location, then bring it with you to place along the windows in the sanctuary. Feel free to check out where all the different samples have come from. During a worship service in September, all of the waters collected will be poured into the baptismal font (along with a sanitizing solution) as a symbol of our unity with each other and all creation.

We hope this is a meaningful part of your summer activities.

Worship Planning Team

Next Young Adult Event

Young adults are invited to bring a white piece of clothing to tie-dye at Spirit of Grace's Young Adult Summer Bash on **Sunday, August 23**, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. This event, being held at Spirit of Grace (7400 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton), will also include snacks, games, and ice cream! Pick up a flyer in the narthex, and invite a friend to join you for this event.

The Summer Bash is also sponsored by Cedar Hills United Church of Christ, Christ United Methodist Church Cedar Mill, and St. Andrew Lutheran Church.



Meal Train®

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, August 23, 2026

Romans 12:1-8
Psalm 138
Matthew 16:13-20

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Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

Friday, August 14

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 15

9:00 am Nifty Notters Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 16

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

6:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

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

12:00 pm Bridge Group Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Chapel

7:00 pm Brass Quintet Rehearsal Sanctuary

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

7:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 19—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to administrator@standrewlutheran.com

3:00 pm Worship Planners Meeting Library (Main Level)

7:00 pm Al-Anon Family Group Meeting Chapel

7:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 20

9:00 am Confirmation Teachers Meeting St. Andrew Room

10:00 am Strength + Stability with Susanne Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm Communion Ministers Meeting Library (Main Level)

7:00 pm Council Meeting Chapel, St. Andrew Room

7:00 pm Wing Chun Class Children's Commons

Friday, August 21

10:00 am Tai Chi Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 22—Sunday Worship Announcements deadline is 11:59 pm; submit announcements to pastorallison@standrewlutheran.com

Sunday, August 23

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 Spirituality Book Group Library (Main Level)

6:00 pm Light Opera of Portland Rehearsal 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.