

St. Andrew Lutheran Church 11345 Miller Road, Whittier CA 90604

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Youth & Family Minister: Sean Cronin

January 2010



ST. ANDREW HEARTBEAT

African Children's Choir at St Andrew ~ January 10th

The African Children's Choir will sing at both services on January 10th.
Don't miss this inspiring and powerful presentation!

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January calendar

Pray/Participate:

4th - Ministry Team Meetings

9th - Memorial Service for
Char Defeo

10th - African Children's
Choir at both services

13th - Stewardship Initiative
Meeting, 7pm

17th - Youth Encounter
Concert, 4pm

21st - IHOP Fundraiser,
5-10pm - Whittwood
Town Center

Stewardship Initiative

Beginning Wednesday, January 13th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, you are invited to be part of this initiative as we plan ahead to make the most of our potential to positively impact God's people. We need your input and your prayers.

Bible Study on Philippians "A Life Worth Living"

A nine-week study beginning on Thursday, January 7th from 6:30 to 8:15 in room 7 (by the office) will include talks by Nicky Gumble, dessert and a small group discussion.

Youth Encounter Concert Sunday, January 17 at 4:00pm

Youth Encounter formerly known as Lutheran Youth Encounter will perform an hour-long concert on the 17th. After the concert the group will have dinner with the Sr. and Jr. High youth groups.

Great Hymn writer Ira Sankey

At 8:15 worship on January 24th

Our own Bill Lock will bring back to life the great gospel singer and hymn writer Ira Sankey. We will hear of Ira's life, his music and his winning souls for the Lord. It will be informational and inspirational!

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Dear friends in Christ;

I'd like to tell you about a new friend I have been seeing for the past year. His name is John. John's story is not unlike many Americans. He was born to a working class family and liked to work. John's father died young from heart failure. About a year and a half ago, John was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. His company laid him off and cut off all his benefits and because he could not earn any money, his wife threw him out of the house, leaving him to fend for himself as part of the ranks of the homeless.

For the past sixteen months, John has been trying to get his day in court. He has plowed through the government regulations, filled out pages and pages of paperwork. Yet no matter where he turned, it seemed he was just running into another brick wall. John's life came to be a daily struggle to find food, clothing and shelter.

I first met John when he called the church office asking for some help. He needed food. And over the last year and a half, I have been able to respond and provide him with food and sometimes shelter. During our time together, I have gotten to know him and his anger AND his hope. He seemed to always be pointing to his next day when he could tell his story to someone in the government who could help.

I tell this story to say thank you. This story is meant to be a thank you to St Andrew members who have supported the Good Samaritan fund. Through this fund, Sean and I are able to help folks who are always very grateful and praying for the day they can get on to a better life. We sometimes see the underbelly of America and I'm so grateful that we are able to respond because of the Good Samaritan Fund. Through the Good Samaritan fund we bring hope.

John's hope is coming true. He has had the best Christmas in a long time. John finally got his day in court and the judge awarded him back unemployment benefits and a monthly benefit. He will probably never own a home or drive a new car, but he will be able to provide food, clothing and shelter for himself. John has a new beginning.

In January many of us look to a new beginning. The New Years resolutions we make include all kinds of personal goals like dieting, exercising, fixing things around the house or maybe just trying to be a better Christian. Here's a resolution that you can fulfill taken right from John. **Be a person of hope and be a grateful person for all that God has blessed you with.**

May you become the person that God intended you to be and who God sees when he looks at you.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Skip

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African Children's Choir – Help needed!

We need about 15 homes to house the African Children's Choir when they come to sing at St Andrew on January 10. The children will arrive on campus Saturday afternoon to set up and make preparations for their Sunday worship with us.

Families who can house children or adults need to attend a meeting on Saturday, January 9th. At that meeting you will pick up the children or adults you will be housing, take them home for a light supper, put them to bed, serve a light breakfast in the morning and have them back to church by 7:30.

For more information, please see or call Kathy Mitzen at (562) 697-5496 or Diane Forte at (562) 706-7079.

Farewell to Mary Jo

Mary Jo DiRuscio, who has been the church secretary, administrative assistant, greeter, friend, telephone voice, bulletin maker, Heartbeat organizer, bulk mail expert, the right arm of four pastors, and her new unofficial title, "She Who Gets Things Done" is leaving her nineteen year position due to the budget cuts that were made last year. Her last official day was December 31st.

As a congregation, we want to say thank you to Mary Jo for all the things she has done and for the gracious and loving person that she is.

It is hard to say goodbye to Mary Jo, but we know that she and her family will be protected by our gracious God and as she closes this chapter of her life, God will open new doors for her.

The Lord bless you and keep you, Mary Jo.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

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Ministries at St. Andrew

Women's Circle Meetings

Esther Anna Circle – Monday, January 11, 1:00 p.m., Rm. 5

Hannah Circle – Tuesday, January 26, 7pm – To be announced

Rebecca Circle – Tuesday, January 12, 9:30 a.m. – Rm 5



January Celebrations



Happy Birthday!

2 Bob Allen	9 Judy Johnson
2 Miryam Maletych	14 Connie Tucker
4 Cheri Busch	20 J. R. Grana
6 Michael Sipple	22 Sharon Guy
6 Sandy Wicker	22 Forrest Nielson
6 William Young	22 Lauren Sanchez
7 Paul Mitzen	24 Arnold Bauder
7 Alec Revueltas	26 Elizabeth Blake
8 Doris Niemi	27 Lois Kalla

Happy Anniversary!

25 Ken & Carol Sipple
29 Daryl & Sandy Wicker

"Thank You!" to Marsha Ehlers for her great work in organizing St. Andrew's involvement with the Whittier Cold Weather Shelter. We appreciate the hard work and many hours you put into making this possible, especially your cold & sleepless overnight stays monitoring the shelter. Thank you, also, to the many volunteers who donated food and money, cooked the meals, and washed the dishes!

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

Flower Chart

Watch for the 2010 Flower Chart posted in the narthex. You can sign up to have flowers in the church on a Sunday morning to celebrate a special day or in memory of a loved one. Arrangements are ordered from Scotty's Flowers and are \$25.

Poinsettias

Thank you to the following for donating poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas:

Connie Isais-In memory of Luis Isais

Jerry & Betty Dagen-In memory of Char Defeo

Paul & Kathy Mitzen-In memory of Char Defeo

Ruth Ali Hassan-In memory of Rev. David & Doris Robison

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Jasmine Simmons-In memory of Delfina Hernandez
Ardis Hanson-In memory of Cecil Hanson
Chris Allen-In memory of Laura Allen
Suzanne Thompson-In memory of Eugene & Douglas Paulino
Virtus Bartels-In memory of Donna Bartels
Bill & Linda Burns-In memory of Donna Bartels
Richard Erlandson-In memory of Beatrice Erlandson
John Biddle & Family-In memory of Denise Biddle
Doris Johnson-In memory of Ken Johnson
Anne & Larry Moore-In memory of Caleb Bryant
Lorel Morgan-In memory of her mother and father
Hannelore Genteman-In memory of Robert Genteman
The Cronin Family-In memory of Bud & Mary Pirlet
Elizabeth Blake-In memory of William Blake
Jane Hamby-In memory of Winifred Adams
Jamie Cook-In memory of Stan Cornell
Don & Sally Sauer-In memory of Robert Houseberg, Tom & Sarah Sauer, Ray & Constance Dodd
Glady Blomquist-In memory of her late husband Floyd and her granddaughter, Bekah
The Solyom Family-In memory of Gagie, Papa & Peter
Jan Wolverton-In memory of Bill Wolverton
Ed & Janet Santiago-In honor of Guadalupe Santiago
Lorraine & Lowell Tunberg
Judy Johnson
Tom & Mardie Heller

How Are We Doing?

	Attendance	Tithes & Offering
November 22	142	\$ 3,409.90
November 29	141	5,345.98
December 6	178	8,926.04
December 13	163	<u>\$ 5,149.00</u>
		\$22,830.92

Needed to meet budget (4 weeks) - \$29,734.00

SOS

(Sharing Our Selves)

A Ministry for Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church
If you or anyone you know in the congregation is in need of a little short-term help, please give our dedicated phone line a call and leave a message.

562-906-4SOS (4767)

We have volunteers ready to help with providing a ride, providing a meal, running an errand, small fix-it jobs or visiting a shut-in.

We want to thank all the SOS volunteers and hope you will continue to help as needed.

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We Are People of Prayer

Remember in Prayer

Members of St. Andrew

Heinz Buchholz (Parkinson's Disease rigidity), Grace Christiansen (knee surg.), Jerry Dagen (cataract surg.), Kaila Dawn (severe asthma); Zachary Dawn (seizures); Sam Defeo & Family in the death of his wife, Char Defeo; Doris Donoho; Yvonne Downs (olivopontocerebellar atrophy-hereditary); Barbara DuBois (MS-at Royal Court); Adele Fosburg (Monaco Crest Guest Home), Hannelore Genteman (continued healing); Betty Headon; Del Hopkins; Doris Johnson (back & leg pain); Shirley Kellison (urology problems, anemia); Dan Lewis (cancer treatment); Sandy McElrath (hip replacement surg. 11/3); Garry McMurray (continued healing); Larry & Anne Moore & Family in the death of great-grandson, Caleb; Joel Peters (head and spine injuries); Kathy Robson (Wegeners granulomatosis); Amy Rosario (complications from Lyme Disease); Sally Sauer; Charlene Schneider; Carolyn Seely; Betty Skarda (continued healing); Lowell Tunberg (heart surg.-continued healing); Levonne Webster (back-comp. discs & lung & breathing problems); Ann Wilcox; Joy Wolverton (liver cancer); William Young (Assisted Living, Garden Grove)

Family & Friends

Helen Anderson (arm & hand pain), Amy Chidthai (surgery-tumor in inner ear & thyroid problem), Rozanna DeForest (ovarian cancer), John Dougherty (melanoma), Ann Marie Effert (knee injury); Roger Fitch (cancer), Tom Fox (brain tumor), Jim Freisen (prostate cancer), Rick Gay (51 yr. old-massive stroke), Ardis Gibson (cancer surg.), Linda Greiner (cancer), Brittney Hansen, Steve Hansen (pancreas), Carl Henderson (cancer-esophagus), Barry Holden (colon cancer), Melody Mayfield (MS), Bernice Pakkala (Alzheimers), Lucille Regehr (prayers), Trina Serrano (Whittier Hills Conv.), Cody Skidmore (knee injury), Myrna Smith, Roger Smith (eye), Kai Soholt (cancer treatment), Rose Stack (heart attack & by-pass surg.), Blake Stenback (going to Iraq), Maureen Waters (virus), Lou Whitney (sudden blindness), Serena (surgery)

Family & Friends-Long term

Brian Earnest-AIDS, Mabel McKinney-chronic pneumonia, Kari Sortum-MS, Herb Webster-low blood pressure-pacemaker-lungs-COPD

(Note: While we continue to lift up everyone on our prayer list to God's love and care, we want to stay as up-to-date and current as possible. Please remember you can add anyone to our prayer list each month, or call us with updates about how to pray for them. Thank you for your faithful prayers.)



REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church January Volunteers

Greeters

Date	8:15	8:15	10:30	10:30
1/3	Barbara Revueltas	Pat Drazan	Joan Smith	Dave Smith
1/10	Marolee Smith	Marsha Ehlers	Becky Sutherland	Ruth Ali Hassan
1/17	Cleo Ruschmeier	Martha Deane	Marianne Dickerson	Dave Dickerson
1/24	Carolyn Johnson	Chris Allen	Jerry Dagen	Dave Smith
1/31	Orma Lee Stiltz	Leah Reed	Kathy Mitzen	Paul Mitzen

Readers and Communion Assistants

Date	Reader-8:15	Reader-10:30	Communion Assistant-8:15	Communion Assistant-10:30
1/3	Chris Allen	Kelly Cronin	Marolee Smith	Cindy Barton
1/10	Diane Fort	Betty Dagen	Marsha Ehlers	Joan Smith
1/17	Marsha Ehlers	Paul Mitzen	Sam Defeo	Kelly Cronin
1/24	Marolee Smith	David Dickerson	Margie Murphy	Betty Dagen
1/31	Barbara Revueltas	Dave Smith	Jan Beardslee	Ruth Ali Hassan

If you are unable to serve, please trade with someone and call the church office to let them know what the new schedule will be.

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January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday: 8:15 Worship 9:20 Andy's Attic, Elevate, Adult Class 10:30 Worship		Every Tuesday: 6 Tapestry Bells 7 Boy Scouts			1 Office closed	2
3 12:30 Hispanic Church Fel. Hall, Comm. Rm, Rms 8 & 9 5:30 Men's 12 Step-CR	4 2:30 Homework Club 7 Ministry Teams	5 12 Plus 50's 7 Executive Team 7 Rejoice Band 7 Men's Bible Study 7 Hispanic – Rm 8	6 10-12 Tutoring 2:30 Homework Club 6 Confirmation 6:15 Cherub Choir	7 12 WAM-quilters 6:30-8:15 Bible Study- Rm 7 7 Sanctuary Choir	8 3 Girl Scouts-CR 7 Hispanic Church– FH CR, 8 & 9 7 Clutterers	9 10:30 Memorial Service for Charlotte Defeo
10 African Children Choir here 12:30 Hispanic Church Fel. Hall, Comm. Rm	11 1 Esther Anna – Rm 5 2:30 Homework Club	12 9:30 Rebecca-Rm5 10 La Leche-Chapel 7 Hispanic – Rm 8 7 Rejoice Band 7 Men's Bible Study	13 10 Tutoring 2:30 Homework Club 6 Confirmation 6:15 Cherub Choir 7 Stewardship Initiative	14 12 WAM-quilters 6:30 Bible Study 6:45 Girl Scouts-FH 7 Sanctuary Choir	15 9 Friday School 3 Girl Scouts 7 Hispanic Church-FH CR, 8 & 9 7 Clutterers	16
17 Step-CR 12:30 Hispanic Church 4 Youth Encounter concert 5:30 Men's 12 Step-CR	18 2:30 Homework Club	19 7 Church Council 7 Hispanic – Rm 8 7 Rejoice Band 7 Men's Bible Study	20 10 Tutoring 2:30 Homework Club 6 Confirmation 6:15 Cherub Choir	21 12 WAM-quilters 5-10 IHOP fundraiser 6-9 Girl Scouts-FH 6:30 Bible Study 7 Sanctuary Choir	22 9 Friday School 3 Girl Scouts 7 Hispanic Church-FH CR, 8 & 9 7 Clutterers	23 12-4 Shower for Morgan M. - FH
24 Noisy Offering 12:30 Hispanic Church 5:30 Men's 12 Step-CR	25 2:30 Homework Club	26 1:00 Book Club 7 Hispanic – Rm 8 7 Rejoice Band 7 Men's Bible Study 7 Hannah Circle	27 10 Tutoring 12 Altar Guild 2:30 Homework Club 6 Confirmation 6:15 Cherub Choir	28 12 WAM-quilters 6:30 Bible Study 7 Sanctuary Choir	29 9 Friday School 3 Girl Scouts 7 Hispanic Church-FH CR, 8 & 9 7 Clutterers	30
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A congregation of the ELCA - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson), Pacifica Synod (Bishop Murray Finck), Rejoice Conference.

See www.elca.org and www.pacificasynod.org

St. Andrew's Mission Statement

We are people of prayer

and a Christ-centered caring community of the one Christian church.

The Holy Spirit leads us to be Bible-based life-long learners (disciples of Jesus),

faithful witnesses and world servants for Christ.

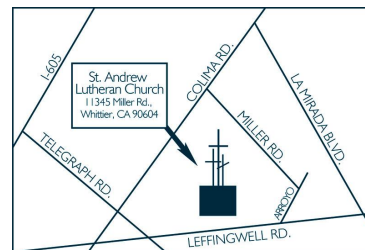
We joyfully share the grace and gifts of God with all people.



Sunday Worship Hours

8:15 a.m. Led musically by our organist

10:30 a.m. Led musically by our Rejoice Band



Ministers: Every Member and Our Staff -

Organist: Jerry Holmes Choir Director: Marie Bucoy Rejoice Band Director: George Simmons

Minister of Children's Choirs: Emily Bruhns

Youth and Family Minister: Sean Cronin

Adult Education: Marsha Ehlers Administrative Assistant: Mary Jo DiRuscio

Wedding Coordinator: Dolores York

Pastor - H.G. "Skip" McComas

Our Mission Is Local and Global

We invite you to get involved in one of our teams: Worship and Music, Education and Youth, Evangelism, Global Mission, Hunger Justice, Caregiving Ministry,

Stewardship, and Property.

Local ministries include supporting the Intercommunity Counseling Center (562-698-1272), the Interfaith Food Center (562-903-1478), First Day ministry with the homeless and Lutheran Social Services.

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation and a Jubilee congregation.

"Global Mission Connections" are with:

Bradn & Natasha Buerkle, Matvey & Martin in St. Petersburg, Russia and

We invite you to join us on our mission trips, Bible and daily food ministries in Pachacamac, Peru!