

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Heartbeat

Please plan to join us to worship on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM or 7:00PM. The ashes we apply to the forehead are a reminder of sin and death. The cross points to Christ's sacrifice for our sins.

The journey of Lent encourages us to turn to Christ in repentance and to look forward for the promise of new life in the Easter resurrection.



### Lent Soup Suppers & Worship

Please join us for our annual Lenten Soup Suppers to be held: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall Followed with worship, discussion and fellowship around the tables. The soups and desserts will be provided by the following commissions:

- ◇ March 4 – Church Council
- ◇ March 11- Youth and Education
- ◇ March 18 – Congregational Care and Mission and Service
- ◇ March 25 – Altar Guild
- ◇ April 1 – Hospitality

If you would like to help, and are not part of one of the commissions, please contact Isla Holmes to find out how you can help.



### Holy Week Worship Schedule

**Palm Sunday, April 5,**  
8:30am Traditional Service  
10:30am Contemporary Service  
8:30am-10:30am Palm Sunday Breakfast

**Maundy Thursday, April 9th**  
7:00pm By the Praise Team

**Good Friday April 10th**  
7:00pm By the Sanctuary Choir

**Easter Sunday, April 12th**  
6:30am Sunrise Service  
8:30am Traditional Service  
10:30am Contemporary Service

**Rev. Jeffrey Nelson**  
*Pastor*

**Elissa Mitzen**  
*Director of Youth & Family Ministries*

**Randy Guiaya**  
*Organist/Choir Director*

**Matthew James**  
*Praise Team Director*

**Kathy Mitzen**  
*President*

**Chris Allen**  
*Vice President*

**Barbara Revueltas**  
*Council Secretary*

**Betty Dagen**  
*Treasurer*

**Marie Jorgenson**  
*Stewardship*

**Suzanne Thompson**  
*Mission and Service*

**Isla Holmes**  
*Hospitality*

**Vicki Linta**  
*Worship and music*

**Len Bobier**  
*Evangelism Leader*

**Jennifer Oertel**  
*Congregational Care*

**Art Revueltas**  
*Property*

**Daniell Crocker**  
**Gillian Simmons**  
*Youth and Family*

## I LOVE LENT

I love Lent. In spite of all the extra services and scrambling to make deadlines, I love the season of Lent. For me (and I hope for many), it is the season that most draws me closer to our Lord and to the reasons for my relationship with Him.



Lent is much more than just a different color of paraments (altar cloths) in the church and additional services to have to attend. Lent is the time of year that leads me to focus on my failures to be the person God created me to be. And I think the added services slow things down so that I don't just quickly jump from those failings to "but then Jesus died for me and everything is good." That does come when we reach the end of the season and enter into the festival of Easter. However, the time spent in worship and study and prayer, and especially during Holy Week draws me to examine the reason for this season and calls me again to turn and go the other way (repent) toward those things which God most wants for me.

The regular commands to "repent" that we hear during Lent cause me to ask with all seriousness, "of what do I need to repent? What are the things in my life that are interfering with my commitment and devotion to God? What are some things that I might do to be more focused on God's mission in the world and my place in that mission?" The call to repentance is really an invitation to do a sort of self-assessment and take stock of how we've been blessed by God; but to also consider what more we might be and do in relationship to God and with the resources God has provided us.

Sometimes I wonder if God didn't call me to be a pastor because God knew that I needed the responsibility of being at and involved in all the services to make sure I was there to get what I needed personally. What I mean is that, if I were not a pastor, it would be very easy for me to skip all the extra services (and maybe even some of the regular ones) to do what I want to do. Perhaps my faith would even diminish and fade if I wasn't "obligated" to be attending these many services as pastor. I often ponder just how committed I would be. (I have a friend who says, "Isn't it wonderful that there are people who know what God wants them to do without God having to hit them over the head with a 2x4?") Thank God for leading me to this calling! I often am in awe of those who have heard different callings to also needed professions, but who still have that strong connection to God and God's church. I'm not sure where I would be if I was doing something else.

In any case, Lent is a special time to allow ourselves to think more deeply about our place in God's kingdom and mission. It is a time to hear of God's great love for us shown most fully in the sending of Jesus into our world and His sacrifice for us on the cross. That story is powerful and can change lives—especially the lives of those who are burdened by the weight of guilt and shame that blinds them from being able to see themselves as loved children of God.

I recently had a conversation with someone who said that there were things he had done in the past for which he could not forgive himself. We talked about God's love and forgiveness and he said he knew that God forgave him, but he still couldn't forgive himself. In saying that, though, he began to see that it didn't make sense that he could accept God's forgiveness, but not his own. I pray that this was an important step for him toward a deeper relationship with God.

I hope you will make every effort to be present at our "extra" worship services, especially during Holy Week. Easter is so much more meaningful and special when you've followed Jesus to the foot of the cross. It is powerful and emotional and life-changing. It's part of why I love Lent.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Jeffrey



**St. Andrew raises \$812 for Bread for the World!**

Our recent pancake breakfast raised \$812 for Bread for the World, which is dedicated to ending hunger at home and abroad.

Thanks to everyone who donated to this worthy cause and to all the volunteers who made the event possible.

Suzanne Thompson

*Mission and Service*



*Thank you all who attended. We appreciate your support!*

**Adult Education Opportunities:**

**Entering the Passion of Jesus**

Are you a risk-taker or a risk-avoider? A mixture of both? Join us this Lenten season in our Adult Class on Sunday mornings as we learn about the risks Jesus faced during Holy Week. We'll take a look at a brand-new DVD series hosted by Dr. Jill-Amy Levine. Dr. Levine is an award-winning professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She has written extensively about the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. Bring your coffee and snacks and join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Room 7. Everyone is welcome!

Marsha Ehlers

**Our Neighbors' Faith**

Pastor Jeffrey's class explores differences between other denominations and the ECLA. Class is held on Sundays at 9:30AM in Room 5.

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**Note from the Stewardship Commission**

During the season of Lent many people decide to give up something. This year, why not try giving something.



There are so many ways you can give of your time, talents and treasures to further God's work at St. Andrew and to the world beyond.

Marie Jorgensen

*Stewardship Commission*

**SPECIAL NOTICE: Due to technical difficulties, St. Andrew Lutheran Church has changed its email address. Our new email address is: [office.standrewlutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:office.standrewlutheranchurch@gmail.com)**

# Ways you can SERVE

## Interfaith Food Center – update on donations accepted

Some of you have asked about donating specific items to the Interfaith Food Center (IFC). Aside from food, the IFC accepts the following items (which can be placed in the brown bin in the Narthex):

- Egg cartons – please open flat and one dozen size
- Empty prescription/pill bottles – remove personal information/labels
- Socks

Items they are not able to accept due to lack of space:

- Clothing, shoes, purses
- Towels, blankets/quilts

Thank you for your continued generosity and willingness to help those in need!



Would you like to help address world hunger? Provide screenings for breast cancer? Help veterans? Seek solutions to Alzheimer's and diabetes? You can do this and more in five minutes using your computer. Log into [thehungersite.greatergood.com](http://thehungersite.greatergood.com) everyday when you first use your computer. You will be taken to a website where your free click helps to fight hunger and end poverty. After you click, you'll be taken to a page that lists other free ways to help: breast cancer, animals, veterans, autism, Alzheimer's, diabetes, literacy, rainforest, and greater good (which picks a special focus each day). Because of generous donations for each click contributes to addressing these areas of concern. Bookmark [thehungersite.greatergood.com](http://thehungersite.greatergood.com) website and begin your computer time

## Other Ways You Can Give!

### Ebay!

St. Andrew is now a charity with ebay.com so if you sell items on ebay you can donate the fees to go to St. Andrew (it comes up Fullerton).

### Amazon Smile!

St. Andrew is now a charity with Amazon Smile! Just do your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) with St. Andrew selected as your charity!

### Goodshop and Good Search

St. Andrew is now a charity with goodsearch.com which includes goodshop! If you use either of these St. Andrew will get a percentage of money back!



## Food Drive Challenge

St Andrew has joined the competition with other local churches to see which churches can collect the most of a certain item. The food item we are collecting in March will be **Jelly**. All donations that we collect will be counted for the competition and then donated to the Interfaith Food Center.

## 2020 Flower Chart



The 2020 Flower Chart is available for sign ups in the lounge. Flower bouquets cost \$35 and can be dedicated to the memory of someone or to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, or anything really! When you sign up please make sure to mark whether you want to take the flowers home or donate them to be given to one of our homebound members.

## Note from the Evangelism Team

Please pick up an Evangelism brochure from the table in the lounge. The brochure has all the information needed to give a new neighbor who just moved near you regarding St. Andrew. Following up on the Pastors suggestion why not walk over to a neighbor and get to know them better. They may be a future prospect for the church. Maybe you know a former church member that is not attending church.

Thank you to everyone who has their Thrivent Choice dollars directed to St. Andrew. Now is the time to direct the 4th quarter 2019 choice dollars. If anyone has need of Thrivent Action Dollars please contact either Betty Dagen or Len Bobier. Each project can be awarded \$250. These are free dollars.

Len Bobier  
*Evangelism Team Leader*

### Andy's Kids Club



Andy's Kids Club is every Sunday morning at 9:30. We welcome children ages 3 to 3rd grade. We have music, games, crafts, and fun lessons. We have a very exciting year planned! Andy's Kids Club is held inside the Fellowship Hall.

We also celebrate birthdays! If your child has a birthday coming up or if they had a birthday recently, please bring them so we can make their day extra special.



### StATIC Youth Group

We meet every Sunday evening from 6pm- 7:30pm in the youth room. StATIC is for all middle and high school youth. Outings are scheduled once a month. Please contact Elissa for more information.

### YOUTH GROUP



Youth group for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders is every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the youth room. Outings are scheduled once a month. Please contact Elissa for more information.



## Youth Participation During Palm Sunday Service

All youth are invited to be part of our Palm Sunday service on Sunday, April 5th at 10:30am. We need greeters, ushers, readers, acolytes, communion assistants, etc. If your child is interested in being part of this service, please contact Elissa Mitzen.

## HELP WANTED

We would like to see more people involved in the worship life of St. Andrew. Please prayerfully consider where you can use your talents to enhance our worship service –

- ◇ Usher, Greeter, Reader, Communion Server, Acolyte
- ◇ Altar Guild, Power Point Operator, Sunday School Teacher/Assistant
- ◇ Choir Member/Praise Team Member
- ◇ Refreshment Provider, Coffee Maker, Kitchen Clean-up

Training will be provided and you will be welcomed warmly! Look how many opportunities there are to serve. If we have enough folks on the list, the frequency of serving will be less often. Thanks for your service to St. Andrew.

Questions – contact the church office or Betty Dagen (714-803-6130) [bettydagen@gmail.com](mailto:bettydagen@gmail.com) Please put a note on the back of your attendance card if you are interested.

## Congregational Care

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of your fellow congregation members? The Congregational Care Commission is responsible for spiritual care and service for the congregation. There are many ways you can help. Would you be able to:

- Be part of a prayer team that shares concerns and prays together?
- Be on the online prayer chain?
- Participate on the team that visits shut-ins
- Promote the use of the labyrinth?
- Be a part of the service team that provide meals, rides, support to care givers in time of illness and family crisis?
- Provide words of encouragement through our card ministry?
- Could you make a prayer shawl or blanket of love for babies and adults?
- Could you use your handyman/gardening skills to assist with simple things around the house or lawn care to members in need?

If you are interested in being a part of any or all of these opportunities to serve, please contact Jen Oertel, Commission Chairperson, the church office.

Bless you for considering this opportunity to show the love of Jesus to others.

Kathy Mitzen

*Church Council President*

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## Reminder: Spring planting workshop to be held on Saturday, March 14

St. Andrew will present a free spring planting workshop on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon in our community garden. The workshop will be led by a Los Angeles Master Gardener and will cover such topics as spring crops, transplanting seedlings, mulching and composting, companion plants, and container gardening. Attendees will receive free seedling plants, as well as informative handouts and refreshments



## Treasurer's Report

We ended the year with a positive balance on our books. Thanks to your generous weekly offerings, and the extra income from Little Learners, we have been able to balance the budget – and even have a little extra. We have established a Disaster Recovery Fund to accompany our Contingency account to be ready for emergency expenses. With the new staff in place, we will be better able to direct our finances to where they will be most useful. You will see some of this as we add railings to the altar area in the sanctuary and other improvements. Some will be behind the scenes, but we will keep you informed. Watch for news about scheduling a forum on a Sunday between services, soon.

Betty Dagen,  
*Treasurer*



**How are you today?  
I am grateful, I hope you are also.**

### St. Andrew is Honored!

In January, the East Whittier City School District presented a Community Service Award to St. Andrew. Kathy Mitzen and Betty Dagen accepted awards for their work with Homework Club, but the other outreach to La Colima events were also mentioned. We were the only “non-PTA” award recipients that night. It was quite an honor. La Colima School appreciates all that we do.



*Betty and Kathy pictured with La  
Colima Elementary School  
Principal*



We are planning a very special day on Palm Sunday. Not only 2 great services, but also a Palm Sunday Breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30. Easter is a family day with lots of activities. We thought Palm Sunday was a less hectic and more enjoyable time for all of us at St. Andrew to relax with each other over breakfast.

Bring friends, bring family. We will have a free will offering. If you would like to help, contact Diane Fort. More to come later!

# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5:30PM Men's 12th Step 6PM Youth Group 7PM Families Moving Forward	2 2:30PM Homework Club	3 6PM Hannah Circle 6PM Boy Scout Parents 7PM Boy Scouts	4 11AM Bible Study 2:30PM Homework Club 6PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Worship	5 1PM WAM Quilters	6 7PM ICFG	7 7:30AM Men's Breakfast
8 Daylight saving begins 11:45AM Worship/Music 5:30PM Men's 12th Step 6PM Youth Group	9 1PM Esther Anna Circle 2:30PM Homework Club 6PM Youth and Ed.	10 10:30AM La Leche League 7PM Boy Scouts	11 11AM Bible Study 2:30PM Homework Club 5:45pm Girl Scouts 6PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Worship	12 1PM WAM Quilters	13 7PM ICFG	14 10AM Garden Workshop  1PM Memorial Service for Ruth Ali Hassan at Salem Lutheran Church
15 2PM VDC Group 5:30PM Men's 12th Step 6PM Youth Group	16	17 10AM Executive Comm. Meeting 7PM Boy Scouts	18 11AM Bible Study 6PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Worship	19 1PM WAM Quilters	20 7PM ICFG	21 4:00PM Boys Scouts Eagle Ceremony
22 Noisy Offering 5:30PM Men's 12th Step 6PM Youth Group	23	24 7PM Church Council 7PM Boy Scouts	25 10AM Altar Guild 11AM Bible Study 5:45PM Girl Scouts 6PM Soup Supper 6:30PM Worship	26 1PM WAM Quilters	27 7PM ICFG	28 6:30PM Major Keys
29 5:30PM Men's 12th Step 6PM Youth Group	30 2:30PM Homework Club	31	<b>Worship Schedule</b> 8:30AM Traditional Service 9:30AM Education Hour 10:30AM Contemp. Service 12:00PM ICFG			
			<b>Choir Practice Schedule:</b> Wednesdays- March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 8PM <b>Praise Team Schedule</b> Wednesdays- March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:30PM		Every Friday is Pastor's Day Off	



## Prayers for March 2020

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6*

### Members of St. Andrew

Justin Linta

### Members of St. Andrew (Long Term)

Leslie Barr	Grace Gundell	Shirley Kellison	Sally Sauer	Lorraine Tunburg
John Biddle	Doris Johnson	Krystal Martin	Jasmine Simmons	Sandy Wicker
Barbara DuBois	Lois Kalla	Mickey Rosario	Connie Tucker	Jan Wolverton

### Family & Friends

~ Sara A.	~ Emily Ehlers	~ Louis Garay	~ Laci Massaro	~ Margaret Jorgenson
~ Talia Nelson	~ Steven Oertel	~ Ginger Walters	~ Kent	~ Desiree
~ Brad Pollard	~ Joe	~ Renee		

### Family & Friends (Long Term)

Jeralyn Ehlers	Chiari Eliazarras	Grant Eyles	Don Spurr
Christine Fantz	Marcus Glidden	Shirley Loveless	David Uken
Judy McNeill	Matthew Muldown	Osvelia Revueltas	

**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 at any time, or call the church office or the pastor with updates about how to pray for them. Prayers of praise for answered prayers are joyfully welcomed. Thank you for your faithful prayers. We will keep each person on the list for 3 months, unless you request otherwise. Long term requests will be kept until there is a request to remove them.



3/1 Mark Murphy	3/9 Derek Johnson	3/19 Leah Reed	3/24 Ronney O'Brien
3/2 Susie Besack	3/9 Ellen Anderson	3/20 Sarah Cook	3/25 Marianne Dickerson
3/3 Levi Chong	3/10 Bernice Arend	3/21 Verla Neilsen	
3/4 Sarah Murphy	3/11 Brian Glahn	3/22 Gillian Simmons	
3/8 Lorraine	3/12 Earl Ruschmeier	3/23 George Simmons	



3/20 Andy and Sandra Kresowski

**Special Note:** Ali Hassan's memorial Service will be held on March 14 at Salem Church. Please copy and paste the link <https://everloved.com/life-of/ruth-ali Hassan/> for information. Thank you.



# Latest Scenes



*Marie, Suzanne, Jim at the OC Food Bank. A very special thank you for all that you do!*

*Our helpful children volunteering at the Cold Weather Shelter!*



*Thank you all for helping out and attending the Pancake Breakfast!*

*Thank you to all who served at the Cold Weather Shelter!*

## Worship Service Volunteers for March 2020

Thank you for serving at our worship services. Please notify the office if you cannot serve on the assigned date. Readers are also Communion Servers.

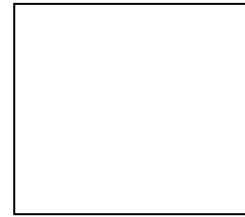
8:30 Service	Greeters	Readers	Communion Servers	Ushers	Refreshments
Mar 1	Bobbe Muldown	Diane Fort-Woody	Mardie Heller	Don Fosburg Ken Christiansen	Hannah Circle
Mar 8	Margie Murphy	Chris Allen	Marsha Ehlers Jan Beardslee	Don Fosburg Ken Christiansen	Suzanne Thompson
Mar 15	Carol Sipple	Elyse Reed	Diane Fort-Woody	Don Fosburg Ken Christiansen	Gloria Morse
Mar 22	Art & Barb Revueltas	Ellen Anderson	Emily Bruhns Jan Beardslee	Don Fosburg Ken Christiansen	Nancy Bobier
Mar 29	Diane Fort-Woody	Barbara Revueltas	Sondra Shanahan	Don Fosburg Ken Christiansen	Diane Fort-Woody

10:30 Service	Greeters	Readers	Communion Servers	Ushers	PowerPoint	Children Chats
Mar 1	Sharon Pollard	Isla Holmes	Betty Dagen	Dave & Josh Klyde	Leila Klyde	Betty Dagen
Mar 8	Dave & Marianne Dickerson	Dave Dickerson	Kathy Mitzen	Jerry York	Mardie Heller	Pastor Jeffrey
Mar 15	Suzanne Thompson	Betty Dagen	Dolores York	Dave & Josh Klyde	Leila Klyde	Marie Jorgensen
Mar 22	Marie Jorgensen	Kathy Mitzen	Isla Holmes	Jerry York	Marie Jorgensen	Pastor Jeffrey
Mar 29	Mardie Heller	Chris Allen	Betty Dagen	Dave & Josh Klyde	Leila Klyde	Vicki Linta

10:30 Service	Acolytes	10:30 Service	Acolytes
Mar 1	Nadalie Crocker Jasmine Rodriguez	Mar 22	Justin Linta Nadalie Crocker
Mar 8	Evelyn Dickerson Justin Linta	Mar 29	Emma Sipple Samantha Sipple
Mar 15	Jasmine Rodriguez Ariana Rodriguez		



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## **Sunday Worship Hours**

8:30 a.m. Liturgical Service with Organ

9:30 a.m. Education Hour all ages

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service with Rejoice Band

Ministers: Every Member and Our Staff

*Pastor:* Jeffrey Nelson

*Director of Youth & Family Ministry:* Elissa Mitzen

*Organist/Choir Director:* Randy Guiaya

*Praise Team Director:* Matthew James

*Adult Education:* Marsha Ehlers

## ***Our Mission Is Local and Global***

Local ministries include supporting:

The Interfaith Food Center (562-903-1478),

Cold Weather Shelter ministry with the homeless and Lutheran Social Services.

Global ministries include WAM Quilters, KIVA, and Bread for the World.