



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

August Heartbeat

WORDS MATTER

I have always had an interest in etymology—the study of the origin and changes in the meaning of words and phrases. For example, there was a time when a family member who had died was placed in the front room or “parlor” of the house so that people could come by to pay their respects. When funeral homes started providing large rooms for such viewings, the mortuaries began to be called “funeral parlors.” It was not long after that those front rooms in the homes were no longer “parlors” where the dead were shown (and guests were entertained), but “living rooms.”



There’s a lot of changes that are happening to our language today. One I just learned about is a move by realtors and others to avoid using the term “master bedroom” in favor of “primary bedroom.” This effort is being made because of the connection of the word “master” to the subjugation of some as slaves. There is a further implication that “master” means the bedroom belongs to or is the domain of the husband—the master of the house—and much less so of the wife or mistress of the house.

Another such change has come in an effort to not make titles or roles gender specific. The head of a committee is no longer the “chairman”, but simply the “chairperson”, or “chair”. If the chair is male, then he is the chairman; but if the chair is a female, she is the chairwoman. Even “mailmen” are now properly called “letter carriers” because some of them are women and it is not a job exclusively for just men.

Some people complain that such efforts to consider and revise word usage in these ways is simply an effort to be “politically correct” or “PC.” While this is true, the phrase “politically correct” now has become a derogatory term used to put down those who make the effort to change and/or who challenge others in their use of language. But I think this attempt to reframe terms shows an appropriate sensitivity to those who may be hurt or slighted by such words. The term “master” doesn’t bother me as a white male, but because it could be offensive to blacks or women, I will make the effort to find other language. In the National Football League, the Washington team is changing their name because their previous name was offensive to Native Americans (who we also used to call something that more appropriately refers to people from a large country south central Asia).

When I speak about God (which I happen to do a lot), I try to avoid using gender specific terms. It’s not always easy and sometimes creates some awkward sentences. For example, “God wanted so much for God’s people to know that God loved them, that God sent God’s

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only Son to die for God’s people.” Yes, I could and probably would say that better, but you get the idea. Avoiding gender specific pronouns in my mind limits God. God is neither “He” nor “She” nor “It.” Instead, God encompasses all the qualities that come with any specific gender. Certainly, the Bible uses male pronouns for God, but that is because, first of all, our language is limited and doesn’t provide a more inclusive term, and second because the Bible was written primarily or perhaps exclusively by men who like being able to identify with God or having God identify with them in this way.

Jesus spent a great deal of time challenging the values and practices of His time. (I use the male pronoun, because Jesus in human form was, well...male. And I also capitalize “He” because I want to honor Jesus as God in this way.) He elevated and honored those who His world said were less important or of lesser value. Jesus showed great favor and respect toward women, foreigners, outcasts, “sinful,” and folks otherwise disdained by the leaders and the privileged of His day. And I think that example should encourage us to be more aware of how some may be affected by things that we say and do, and seek to be more inclusive and sensitive even in our language.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Jeffrey

**How are you today?
I am grateful!**



Virtual volunteer opportunity: ‘Notes for Nana’



Would you like to brighten the life of a senior citizen in our community who may be lonely or is seeking a welcome distraction during these difficult times? Are you looking for a way to help others that you can do from the safety of your own home?

Sign up for Whittier’s “Notes for Nana” program!

The program pairs participating seniors and members of the community to write Pen Pal letters to each other and build a fun, old-fashioned pen and paper relationship.

Notes for Nana currently has a waiting list of seniors who would like to have a Pen Pal buddy.

If you are interested in participating, you can sign up by emailing arico@cityofwhittier.org, or by calling (562) 567-9470.



Face Mask Challenge for Lutheran World Relief

Vulnerable communities are defenseless against COVID-19. Reach neighbors in need without leaving home. The masks you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. Our generous community reached our first goal of 75,000 masks in record time. Let's make *75,000 More!*



We need your help to sew cloth face masks to help us reach men, women and children in vulnerable communities.

How do I get my masks to Lutheran World Relief?

Please bundle your masks in groups of 25, put your bundles in a box and write "MASKS" on the package. Then ship directly to one of our warehouses:

Maryland
Lutheran World Relief
601 Main Street
PO Box 188
New Windsor, MD 21776
410-635-8795

Minnesota
Lutheran World Relief
398 East Richmond Street
South St. Paul, MN 55075
651-457-9009

Please visit <https://lwr.org/masks> for additional information.

Thank you for your support!

Congregational Care

Your congregational care committee has been busy providing rides to appointments and delivering small groceries. If you are a member of the church don't forget that we have a team of volunteers ready to help. We also have a Good Sam fund which can help with small financial needs. The Good Sam funds must be approved by the Pastor.

All help is confidential. Just call the church office or Marie Jorgensen with any requests and hopefully we can help. We practice Covid-19 protocol.

Blessings,



Marie Jorgensen
Congregational Care



DRIVE IN SERVICE

August Drive In Services will take place on Sundays at 9:30AM

What will these services look like?

Cars will park in every other space – leaving one space open on either side.

Worship participants will remain in their car at all times. The bathrooms will not be open unless there is an extreme emergency. Bulletins and other handouts will not be available.

The service will be amplified by our PA system, which we use for events like Trunk Or Treat.

Worship participants may roll down windows if they feel comfortable doing so.

The service will feature Bible readings, a short sermon by the Pastor, prayers, and music from our worship teams. A small table will be placed to accept offerings if you wish to physically bring one on Sunday.

We will not offer Communion, but please know that we are still exploring how to safely share in this sacrament if we continue with Drive In service or progress to Outdoor worship opportunities.

Bring your own coffee and donut to enjoy in your car!

St. Andrew will still have our regular recorded service available on our YouTube channel. All COVID-19 related changes to how we run our campus and office remain in place.

While we all long to be closer together than a parking lot can provide, for this first step, we need everyone's cooperation. Please remain in your car before, during, and after the service. Maintaining physical distancing of 6 feet or more from others is the most important step to keeping our community safe from COVID-19. While you are here, if you need to speak to someone, even if it is the pastor, please use your phone or email to communicate. If you must exit your car for some reason, you are expected to have a mask and adhere to physical distancing requirements of 6 feet between persons.





The Good News Corner

Don and Ardis Scotvold became great grandparents for the first time on April 19. Their great grandson's name is Zaccai David. Their daughter Karri and her husband David are proud grandparents.



Betty Dagen welcomed another great grandson into the family on July 28. Marcus Dean Barton was born to proud parents Matthew and Kelly Barton. He is welcomed by very proud grandmothers – Cindy Barton and Peggy Cronin.

How Does your Garden Grow?

Our community garden is in full bloom these days. The gardeners are harvesting and sharing the produce. Here are some the items Marie Jorgensen has growing!
Send us pictures of your gardening efforts for future issues.



Keep in Contact



Some of our homebound folks are feeling especially isolated during this pandemic shut-down. Here are addresses for Jan Wolverton and Lorraine Tunberg if you wish to contact them –

Lorraine Tunberg
27783 Center Drive #212
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Cell: 562-370-7926

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cell: 562-322--8754



Prayers for August 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

Dennis Herbold Jennifer Oertel

Members of St. Andrew (Long Term)

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

Family & Friends

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|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Hazel Aslakson | Melinda Beardslee | Maricel Ricaforte Dosdos | Sally VanArsdale |
| Naomi & Edgar | Benjamin Santo | Corazon De Castro | Girlie Abalos |
| Andrew Jaramillo | Chacha & Elmer Melo | Cheryl Yten | Amel Ricaforte |
| Pam | | | |

Family & Friends (Long Term)

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|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Jeralyn Ehlers | Chiari Eliazarras | Grant Eyles | Don Spurr |
| Christine Fantz | Marcus Glidden | Shirley Loveless | David Uken |
| Judy McNeill | Matthew Muldown | Osvelia Revueltas | Eric, Kurt, and Bill |

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.



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BIRTHDAYS

| | |
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| Diana Dickerson 8/3 | Nathan Crocker 8/16 |
| Emily Bruhns 8/3 | Kevin Holmes 8/16 |
| Evan Sipple 8/5 | Leslie Barr 8/17 |
| Michael Dickerson 8/5 | Brian Murphy 8/17 |
| Justin Linta 8/10 | Nicholas Isais 8/20 |
| Carol Sipple 8/11 | Lauren Sipple 8/23 |
| Karen Gale 8/12 | Eva Chong 8/25 |
| Helen Fisher 8/12 | Lindsey Schuck 8/28 |
| James Arend 8/14 | Krystal Martin 8/31 |



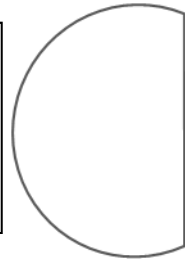
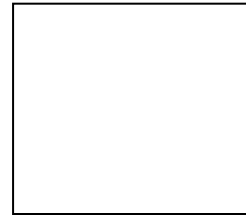
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ANNIVERSARIES

David and Marianne Dickerson 8/20
Ken and Jan Beardslee 8/25
Earl and Sharon Guy 8/26

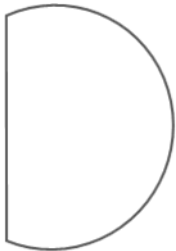
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 Drive-in Worship Service 9:30AM Adult Education 11AM on Zoom | 3 | 4 | 5 Zoom Bible Study 11AM and 6PM | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Drive-in Worship Service 9:30AM Adult Education 11AM on Zoom | 10 | 11 | 12 Zoom Bible Study 11AM and 6PM | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Drive-in Worship Service 9:30AM Adult Education 11AM on Zoom | 17 | 18 | 19 Zoom Bible Study 11AM and 6PM | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Drive-in Worship Service 9:30AM Adult Education 11AM on Zoom | 24 | 25 Church Council Meeting | 26 Zoom Bible Study 11AM and 6PM | 27 OC FOOD BANK | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Drive-in Worship Service 9:30AM Adult Education 11AM on Zoom | 31 | | | | | |

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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.