



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Heartbeats Weekly Updates 3-26-2021



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday will be celebrated at the drive in worship service on Sunday, March 28 at 9:30AM.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday worship service will be held Thursday, April 1 at 7PM via Zoom. The Zoom code may be found on our website to share.

Good Friday

Good Friday worship service will be held Friday, April 2 at 7PM via Zoom. The Zoom code can be found on our website to share.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday will be celebrated at the drive in worship service on Sunday, April 4 at 9:30AM.

Visit www.standrewlutheranchurch.org

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From the Treasurer –

We have recently closed the ‘books’ for the month of February. Our financial status is healthy. Our income contributions were slightly behind budget for the month (\$1,383), but greater than last year. Thank you for your generosity.

Little Learners is back to operating fully, and making their rent payments, as well as repaying for the months they were unable to pay in 2020.

Year to date – our expenses are less than our income by \$4,456. These days our expenses are pretty much limited to payroll and utilities. As we recover from the pandemic, we will hopefully have more program expenses to report.

The 1% extra benevolence we are reserving will be donated to the following –

- January, April, July, October – Interfaith Food Center
- February, May, August, November – Habitat for Humanity
- March, June, September, December – Hope Palm Springs (Pastor Tim’s church)

The council has voted to add \$500 per month to the long term Property account. This will start in March.

Thank you for your support and generosity –

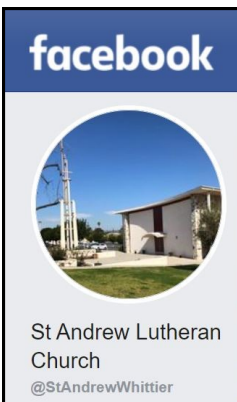
Betty Dagen, Treasurer

Bible Study and Adult Education

Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 11am and 6pm via Zoom (will resume after Easter). Please email [**bettydagen@gmail.com**](mailto:bettydagen@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.



Adult Bible Class meets every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marsha Ehlers **(562-943-4845)** or the church office **(562) 944-1148**. All are welcome!



Drive in Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook!

You may watch the drive in worship services live on Facebook on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Please click on our Facebook account (link to our page is provided below) and scroll down to the live service (takes place at 9:30AM on Sundays). You do not need a Facebook account to watch the livestream service.

[**https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewWhittier/**](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewWhittier/)

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Habitat for Humanity: One family's story



St. Andrew's recent \$1,500 pledge to Habitat for Humanity will be combined with other churches' pledges to build a home for a family in need.

One such family is the Mulvihills. Watch their story via the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnqmPv53eX0&t=2s>

Donations to Habitat for Humanity are still being accepted and will be used for future projects. Checks can be made out to St. Andrew with "Habitat for Humanity" in the subject line.

We hope to share further opportunities to get involved in Habitat for Humanity soon.

Thanks again for your support!

Easter Drive in Service- Sunday, April 4 at 9:30AM

Many of you have noticed that the outside front of our Fellowship Hall has been renovated by an Eagle Scout, with a new planter, a new bench, a new cross and soon, new plants. One of our members commented how beautiful it is, and that on Sundays we should face the cross in our cars.

Your Church Council has decided that we will also place chairs in the parking lot and the grassy area for Easter service only. They will be spaced and put in groups of two, three, as well as single chairs. We should have room for about 40+ people. You are invited to sit in the chairs if you feel comfortable doing so.

There will also be parking of cars for those who wish to remain in their cars. We are asking for "reservations" if you plan on sitting in the chairs so we will know how much to set up. Also, if it is a sunny day, you may wish to wear your Easter bonnets or bring an umbrella for shade. Please call the office if you want to have seats in the parking lot. We will try to honor all requests.



Dinner with Friends

We know that you have been missing spending time with your St. Andrew family. To help with this need the Hospitality and Adult Ministries Commissions invite you to participate in a new fellowship opportunity!

Small groups will be formed to share dinner together by zoom. Each person would be responsible for their own meal. No special agenda-just to enjoy fellowship with some of your St. Andrew church family. Everyone is invited-couples and singles.

If you are interested, please notify the church office by April 9th. The groups will be formed and the first meals will be shared the weekend of April 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Time for the meal will be determined by the group. The same group will meet again the last weekend of May and then the participants will be matched into a new group so we can enjoy time with other friends.

Hope the fellowship will be fun and meaningful for all!

Isla Holmes and Kathy Mitzen

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



Flowers Are Back!

If you would like to honor a celebration or someone with flowers, please contact Barbara Revueltas.

revueltas.barbara52@gmail.com

The cost is \$35. You may write your check to St. Andrew and write flowers in the memo. Please pick up your flowers directly after the service, as we are unable to deliver flowers to shut ins at this time.



Fifth Week in Lent | March 21–27

Jesus nears Jerusalem — and the cross

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

—*John 12:23-24*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

—*Psalms 51:10 and 12*



PRAYER

O Christ, we give thanks that, in your suffering and death, you reveal God’s glory and offer us the gift of new life. As you create a new heart in us, may our eyes be opened to new ways we can create hope and opportunity for those who hunger and live in poverty. *Amen.*

REFLECTION

Disparities and inequities are built into the social fabric of every country. Women and girls are more disadvantaged than their male counterparts. In the United States, African American and Latino communities experience higher unemployment rates as well as higher levels of hunger and poverty. In order to truly end hunger, measures that overcome systemic racism and gender inequity must be put in place for those who struggle with hunger. Pray that you might have a heart that repents of racial and gender inequity and that asks for God’s grace to move you to love all people.



Reminder: March is jelly month!



We meet virtually every Sunday evening. Youth group is for all 4th – 7th grade youth. Invite your friends and join us for a great time! Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining! (562) 944-1148



Jeffrey and Janece Mann April 1

Michael and Stephanie Sipple April 1

**See you at the Drive in Worship Service this Sunday at
9:30am!**

Palm Sunday



Reader: Barbara Revueltas

Musician: Matthew Sivertson



**"Look to the Lord and His strength;
seek His face always."**

1 Chronicles 16:11



Members

- Selma Bergen
- Ken Christiansen
- Diane Fort-Woody
- Robert McKinney
- Sharon Pollard

Friends and Family

- Pastor Paul and Debbie Baumgartner
- Debbie Bradford
- Kevin Colvin
- Robert Craig
- Patrick Craig
- Marie Concepcion Descallar
- Betty and Wes Fowler
- Sylvia Gutierrez
- Leslie Lapp
- Elena McComas
- Rick McGill
- George and Susan Pineda
- Tim Putnam
- Rick Robbins
- Molly Shartoff
- Israel Sosa
- Rena
- Joyce
- Michelle
- Roz
- Yvette

Members – Long Term

- Leslie Barr
- Betty Dagen
- Barbara DuBois
- Grace Gundell
- Doris Johnson
- Lois Kalla
- Shirley Kellison
- Krystal Martin (and family)
- Mickey Rosario
- Sally Sauer
- Jasmine Simmons
- Lorraine Tunburg
- Sandy Wicker
- Jan Wolverton
- Jeff Woody

Friends and Family – Long Term

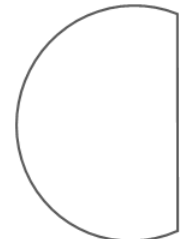
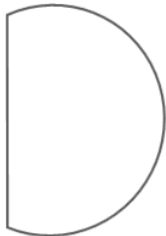
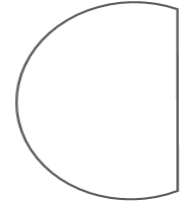
- Jeralyn Ehlers
- Chiari Eliazarras
- Grant Eyles
- Christine Fantz
- Marcus Glidden
- Don Hale
- Jennifer Hale
- Judy Hale
- Matt Hale
- Shirley Loveless
- Matthew Muldown
- Osvelia Revueeltas
- Eric, Kurt and Bill

Community Prayers

Pastor Tim at Hope Palm Springs Mission, Habitat for Humanity, our brothers and sisters in Pachacamac, Peru, family and friends who are serving in the military, ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pacifica Synod Bishop Andy Taylor, and our Pastor Jeffrey Nelson

St. Andrew is a community of prayer and we encourage you to join in praying for those on the prayer list. Names are kept on for 3 months for non long-term requests.

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Ministers: Every Member and Our Staff

Pastor: Jeffrey Nelson

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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.