



# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Heartbeats Weekly Updates 5-14-2021

**Weekly Calendar:**

**Sunday, May 16**  
 Drive in Service at 9:30AM  
 Adult education at 11AM via Zoom

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**Wednesday, May 19**  
 Bible Study at 11AM and 6PM via Zoom

**Reminder: May is canned fruit month for the Interfaith Food Center.**



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity Update – Things are starting to open up!

Habitat LA is currently putting together a “comeback” plan from the pandemic, and is estimating that in-person volunteer opportunities will be opening up this summer.

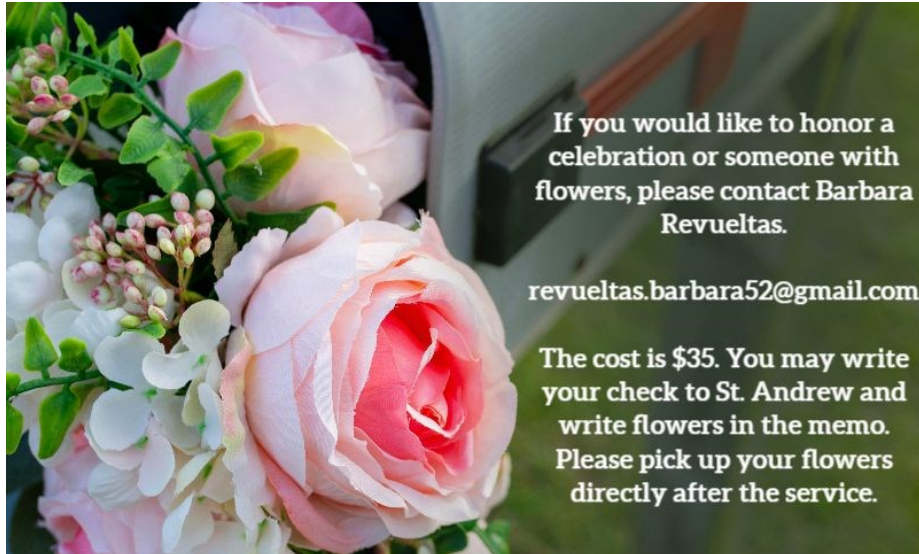
Those opportunities would include:

- Building at the home sites
- Volunteering at the three ReStores
- Making lunches for the building crews

Habit is also grateful for our recent donation as part of our benevolences.

Look for more information to come!

- Rev. Jeffrey Nelson**  
*Pastor*
- Elissa Mitzen**  
*Director of Youth & Family Ministries*
- Randy Guiaya**  
*Organist/Choir Director*
- Matthew James**  
*Praise Team Director*
- Art Revueltas**  
*President*
- Chris Allen**  
*Vice President*
- Barbara Revueltas**  
*Council Secretary*
- Betty Dagen**  
*Treasurer*
- Damon DiRuscio**  
*Stewardship*
- Suzanne Thompson**  
*Mission and Service*
- Isla Holmes**  
*Hospitality*
- Vicki Linta**  
*Worship and Music*
- Len Bobier**  
*Evangelism Leader*
- Marie Jorgensen**  
*Congregational Care*
- Jon Woody**  
*Property*
- Kathy Mitzen**  
*Adult*
- Daniell Crocker**  
*Youth and Family*



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.



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



Weekly Birthdays

<b>Jan Wolverton</b>	<b>May 12</b>
<b>Betty Dagen</b>	<b>May 14</b>
<b>Erin Murphy</b>	<b>May 15</b>
<b>Marsha Ehlers</b>	<b>May 16</b>
<b>Sharon Pollard</b>	<b>May 17</b>
<b>Elyse Reed</b>	<b>May 21</b>

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

<b>Mark &amp; Liz Murphy</b>	<b>May 21</b>
<b>Dana &amp; Terry Reimer</b>	<b>May 22</b>

**Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 11AM and 6PM.** You may choose the time that works best for you. If you're interested in joining, please email Betty Dagen (bettydagen@gmail.com)



**Adult Education takes place on Sundays at 11AM.** Please contact the church office or me (marshaehlers@gmail.com) and I will be happy to send you a Zoom invitation.



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

**1 Chronicles 16:11**



**Members**

- Selma Bergen
- Grace Christiansen and family
- Ken Christiansen
- Diana Dickerson
- Diane Fort-Woody
- Vicki Linta
- Robert McKinney
- Sharon Pollard

**Friends and Family**

- Joy Agbuya
- Pastor Paul and Debbie Baumgartner
- Kevin Colvin
- Robert Craig
- Marie Concepcion Descallar
- Wes Fowler
- Sylvia Gutierrez
- Jimmie Kennedy
- Andrew, Lydia, Talitha Nelson
- Shirley Loveless
- George and Susan Pineda
- Michael Muldown
- Tim Putnam
- Rick Robbins
- Molly Shartoff
- Israel Sosa.
- Dave White
- David
- 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 Revueltas
- Eric, Kurt and Bill

**Community Prayers**

Pastor Tim at River of Hope 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.*

Flowers this week are given by Art & Barb Revueltas in memory of Char Defeo and by Betty Dagen in celebration of her 80th birthday.



### **HYMN Sing**

Sometime in June, the choir will be doing a “Hymn Sing.” It will probably be a virtual stream. Randy would like to collect hymn requests from the congregation that you would like to hear and sing along with at home. Please write a little something about why you picked the song so we can include it in the video. Please send your request to the church office. (office.standrewlutheranchurch@gmail.com)



From the Treasurer—

Our financial position is looking bright. Little Learners is now paying their monthly rent, as well as paying for the months that they missed in 2020. Our year to day income vs expenses was \$11,188. We will have some expenses as we return to worshipping in the sanctuary, but we have the funds to cover them at this point.

Thank you for your generosity in maintaining your pledges and contributing to St. Andrew to enable us to continue to show the community and the world the power of Jesus Christ. Betty Dagen, Treasurer

Dear Friends in Christ,

*A couple went to a craft store to shop. As they looked around, the husband found a framed white ceramic tile with the word "GRACE" in the lower right corner. The item was greatly discounted because the tile was cracked in several places. "What do you think of this?" the husband asked.*

*"Well, it's broken," the wife said, discarding the piece and looking for one that was without blemish.*

*"That's the point," the husband said. "We're broken and then grace comes in."*

*At the check out counter, the salesperson discouraged them from buying the broken piece.*

*With her voice tightening, the wife witnessed to store person, "Yes, so are we. Broken people saved by the grace-filled sacrifice of a perfect Savior."*

That's our story and it needs to become the story of so many others. We live in a world of broken people, damaged by a multitude of misuses and abuses that leave us shattered. Often, we feel like we should be discarded, but try to pass ourselves off as whole with everything all together. Yet we know the truth about ourselves.

Yet it is when we admit our brokenness that we find ourselves open to what our Lord Jesus offers to us. It is in our weakness that we find the gracious strength of the Savior. In fact, it was in allowing Himself to be sacrificed—broken for us—that Jesus showed the powerful grace of God that brings ultimate valued to those who the world says are worthless.

We are surrounded by others who live with that sense of worthlessness, feeling that they have somehow fallen short. They carry on with brave faces, but inside wonder if their lives have any meaning. It is to these that the message of grace needs to be announced, and that message is best announced by those also know the grace that comes in the midst of brokenness.

Instead of trying to cover up the flaws and failings and hurt and pain and scars that each of us carries, we who know the Lord and what He has to offer to all people need to be honest about who we are and who Jesus is for us. We need to claim that grace that redeems us and makes us priceless in God's eyes. And then we need to share that promise with others, telling them of our brokenness and the gift of God that saves us. Yes, we are broken, but then grace comes. That's a story to share.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Jeffrey