

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 12/5-12/11/2021

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### Weekly Calendar:

#### Events This Week:

Dec 5 | 8:30 AM Sunday School  
 9:30 AM Worship Service  
 9:30 AM Youth Service Project  
 11:00 AM Adult Education (zoom)

Dec 8 | 7:00 PM Advent Service  
 7:30 PM Choir Practice

# Happy Birthday!

#### Birthdays This Week

Jordan Simar Dec 8  
 Linda Serrano Dec 11

### Remember the Date!

Our Annual Congregation Budget Meeting will be on **December 19**, directly following the service. We will be voting on the 2022 Budget for St. Andrew Lutheran Church. If you wish to have a copy of the budget, call the church and one will be emailed to you. There will be hard copies provided in the narthex. Please make time to attend this important meeting. God bless, Your Church Council

### Sunday

#### Sunday School: 12/5 @8:30 AM

Sunday School will be starting up again this Sunday. We will be meeting every other Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sunday School room. Hope to see you there!

#### Worship Assistants for Dec. 5, 2021

**Reader:** Diane Fort-Woody

**Power Point:** Marie Jorgensen

**Organist / Choir Director:** Randy Guiaya

#### Youth Group: Youth Service Project

#### 12/5 @9:30 AM | Youth Room

We meet every other Sunday at 9:30 AM. Youth group is for all 5th – 8th 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

#### Adult Education takes place on Sundays at 11AM via Zoom.

If you're interested in joining, please email the church office or Marsha Ehlers for the Zoom invitation (marshaehlers@gmail.com)

**Flowers are given by:**  
**Betty Dagen in celebration**  
**of Jordan Simar's birthday!**



### The Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2021 is now available for you to sign up for donating flowers for Sunday mornings. At this point in time we cannot deliver them to shut-ins, so please take the flowers home with you following the service. The cost is \$40 per bouquet. Please make your check payable to St. Andrew Lutheran Church and indicate 'flowers' in the memo line. **There are many blanks to be filled in—Please prayerfully consider how you can help.** Thank you for your generosity.

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  
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Suzanne Thompson  
*Mission and Service*

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*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*

## Wednesday

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON HIATUS -

Having completed our study of Luke-Acts, and because of holiday schedule and services, the Wednesday 11:00am and 6:00pm Bible studies are taking a break until after the first of the year. At that time, we will begin a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans. This was the key book of the Bible which opened for Luther the good news of grace through faith and led to his actions which triggered the Reformation. Watch for information for when these classes will resume.

### Midweek Advent Service:

12/8 @7:00 PM

## Monthly

### INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER!

#### December is canned meat month!

We are collecting canned meat for the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) in December. Please bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings or to the office during the week. Donations of other non-perishable food is also accepted as well as financial donations to the IFC (checks can be made out to St. Andrew with IFC in the memo line). If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Thompson at 562-943-5161, or email her at [italia4me2@gmail.com](mailto:italia4me2@gmail.com).



#### Christmas food / gift card deadline this Sunday

- The final day to donate non-perishable food and gift cards for Christmas to the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) is this Sunday, December 5.

Most needed items for Christmas: stuffing, mashed potatoes, canned fruits/vegetables, chicken or beef broth, canned pumpkin

and canned yams, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom or other canned soups, canned meat (tuna, beef, chicken, ham), pasta and sauce, rice, beans, cake mix, pancake mix, flour, cereal, pull up canned foods

- Gift cards in the amount of \$15-25 for Target, Walmart, and Amazon in lieu of Angel Tree toy donation are also being collected.
- Drop off your food and/or gift card donations in the collection boxes in the Narthex. Checks or cash can be placed in the offering plate or church mailbox. Note "Interfaith Food Center - Christmas" in the memo line of your check, or on the offering envelope if cash.

### Amplify Media Invitation to St. Andrew members

Hello Church Family!

St. Andrew has recently subscribed to a wonderful multimedia platform called Amplify, like NETFLIX, but with thousands of Christian videos you can use for personal study, reflection, worship and inspiration. Amplify has videos that can be used in our small groups and Bible studies as well as on your own. The Sunday morning class is already using the videos to study the life and words of Luther. There are also several good studies for Advent. Christian education and activity videos are available for children. Look for information on available media in upcoming Heartbeats. It's easy to sign on to our subscription. Follow the steps and explore the options. If you have any questions you may call Kathy Mitzen, 562 760-5548 or Carina in the church office.

How to sign up with our subscription:

1. Click on this link: <https://my.amplifymedia.com/standrewlutheranchurchwhitti>
2. Click on the person icon at the top right.
3. Enter the St. Andrew login code JTVFLP.
4. Check the verify button and you will be directed to the page to login as a subscriber.
5. You will be asked to give your name and email.
6. You will enter an individual password.
7. Then click to start your free membership and you are good to go to explore.

I hope you enjoy this opportunity for education and inspiration,  
Kathy Mitzen, Chairman of Adult Education Ministries Commission

## Thank you!

### THANK YOU – Sondra Shanahan

Sondra has been administering the KIVA account for Women's ministries for several years – since December, 2010. We so appreciate her dedication to this ministry. With an investment of \$800 she has funded 295 short term loans in 55 different countries! A total of \$8,500 loaned out with a 98.5% return rate and 1 default.

Sondra has expressed a wish to have someone else take on the role she has been doing. She turned it over to the Hannah circle who also has a KIVA account, Terry Reimer will get the two accounts to merge into one.

Thanks so much to Sondra for her years of dedication to this ministry.

### Volunteers

We have a couple of new faces in the volunteer area. Nicholas Reed is faithfully running the camera to live feed our services to face book every Sunday. Thanks for doing this Nick

Also – not as visible to the congregation because he is up in the choir loft, Cameron Rodriguez is learning how to handle the sound system under the guidance of Stephen Mitzen. Thanks Cameron!

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Several members in our congregation have money invested with Thrivent, and have the opportunity to direct extra dollars to St. Andrew through Choice Dollars. So far, St. Andrew has received \$2,724 this year. Thank you Thrivent, and thank you St. Andrew donors!

### We are making a difference for those in need

St. Andrew recently sent a \$1,000 check to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund to help those impacted by Hurricane Ida in the Northeast. Although it's been nearly three months since the devastating hurricane touched down, many people are still struggling for the basic necessities including housing, especially in hard hit Louisiana and Mississippi. Thanks for your generous contributions to helping our neighbors in need on their journey of rebuilding their homes and lives.

## Prayers

### 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.*

### Members

- Selma Bergen
- Anne Christiansen
- Diane Fort-Woody
- Marian Humphreys
- Christine Perez
- Jasmine Simmons
- Jon Woody

### Members - Long Term

- Leslie Barr
- Ken Christiansen
- Betty Dagen
- Barbara DuBois
- Grace Gundell
- Doris Johnson
- Lois Kalla
- Shirley Kellison

- Krystal Martin (and family)
- Bob McKinney
- Lorel Morgan
- Sally Sauer
- Lorraine Tunburg
- Sandy Wickner
- Jeff Woody

### Friends and Family

- June Jones
- Rick Ludwig
- Marl Sanbower
- Bob
- Dylan & June
- Eloise
- Renee
- Wendy

### Friends and Family – Long Term

- Jeralyn Ehlers
- Chiari Eliazarras
- Grant Eyles
- Christine Fantz
- Marcus Glidden
- Shirley Loveless
- Matthew Muldown