



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 1/30-2/5/2022

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Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

Jan 30 | 8:30 AM Choir Practice
 8:30 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 9:30 AM Youth Group
 11:00 AM Adult Education (Zoom)
 Feb 2 | 11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)
 | 6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays This Week

Ken Beardslee	Feb 1
Jan Beardslee	Feb 1
Jen Oertel	Feb 1
Anthony Serrano	Feb 1
Emma Sipple	Feb 2
Samantha Sipple	Feb 2

The Flower Chart 2022

The Flower Chart for 2022 is now available for you to sign up for donating flowers for Sunday mornings. The cost is \$40 per bouquet. Please indicate 'flowers' in the memo line of your check. **There are many blanks to be filled in—Please prayerfully consider how you can help.** Thank you for your generosity.

Flowers: Betty Dagen in memory of Jerry.



Contribution Letters for 2021 are

Sent!



If you did not pick up your contribution letters for 2021, they have been mailed out to you! You should be receiving them shortly!

Sunday

Worship Assistants for Jan. 30, 2022

Reader: Dave Dickerson
Power Point: Chris Allen
Praise Team: Chris Knight
Organist / Choir Director: Randy Guiaya

Sunday School:

1/30 at 8:30 AM

in the Sunday School Room.
Hope to see you there!



Youth Group: 1/30 at 9:30 AM in the youth room. 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



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

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)

ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday

Wednesdays Bible Studies: 11 AM and 6 PM via Zoom

We are studying the Letter to the Romans by Paul. Classes are offered at 11:00am and 6:00pm though Zoom. Contact the church office to be added to the Zoom email updates each week.

Monthly

INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER!



January is pancake mix month!
We are collecting pancake mix this month for the Interfaith Food center.

February is soup month! We are collecting soup for the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) in February. 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.

Looking ahead, please see the food collection calendar below for the remainder of the year. We will include reminders in the weekly updates.

Month	Food
March	Jelly
April	Macaroni & cheese
May	Canned fruit
June	Rice
July	Pasta
August	Tomato sauce
September	Cereal
October	Peanut butter
November	Dried beans
December	Canned meat

Other

Substitute teachers needed!

Due to COVID, many school districts are currently experiencing a shortage of teachers, so there is a great need for substitute teachers to cover their classrooms. The principal of La Colima recently shared with us that her school is facing this challenge, as well as the East Whittier City School District overall.

Generally speaking, potential substitutes for East Whittier must have completed a four-year degree from a regionally-accredited college or university, as well as some basic skills requirements. For details, please visit <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/DistrictJobPosting/1452026> or call (562) 907-5900. The salary for East Whittier substitutes is \$160 per day.

Prayers

In Memory – Osvelia Revueltas



Friends and Family

- John & Kris Andrews
- Paul D'Arcy
- George & Michelle Foyt
- Bob Gaumer

- Donna Hanson
- June Jones
- Sandy Layton
- Jan Montes
- Rebekah Nelson
- Pastor Mary Rowe
- Eloise
- Fran
- Kristin
- Monica
- Phyllis
- Renee
- Ruth
- Sosa Family
- Wendy

Members - Long Term

- Leslie Barr
- Anne Christiansen
- Ken Christiansen
- Betty Dagen
- Barbara DuBois
- Grace

- Gundell (and family)
- Marian Humphreys
- Doris Johnson
- Lois Kalla
- Shirley Kellison
- Krystal Martin

- (and family)
- Bob McKinney
- Lorel Morgan
- Christine Perez
- Sally Sauer
- Lorraine Tunburg
- Sandy Wicker
- Jeff Woody

Members

- Selma Bergen
- Nicholas Isais
- Jennifer Oertel
- Earl Ruschmeier
- 2•Jasmine Simmons
- Jon Woody

Friends and Family - Long Term

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

Whittier Interfaith Council reports on homeless assistance
Recapping how St. Andrew supported these efforts in 2021

Homelessness remains a serious issue in Whittier and beyond. We wanted to share with you some of the following activities that took place in 2021 to address this concern, and how St. Andrew was able to help.

The Whittier Area Interfaith Council (WAIC) recently released its 2021 Annual Report detailing its efforts to help the homeless. Comprised primarily of local faith organizations, WAIC began in 1991 and provides shelter and other assistance to homeless persons and families in our community, as well as facilitates interfaith dialogue and education with local partners.

St. Andrew is an active member of WAIC. Marsha Ehlers is secretary of the board of directors, and a member of the Program committee.

As per the report, due to COVID, the Council did not operate the Cold Weather Shelter last year. Instead, it shifted its focus to emergency shelter for families with minor children, as the permanent “Navigation Center” for the homeless which opened last August does not have such accommodations. Last year, the WAIC sheltered 13 adults and 27 children at local hotels for 149 days at a cost of \$12,449.80.

St. Andrew supported WAIC’s emergency shelter program with a \$1,500 donation. We also donated \$500 to Shelter’s Right Hand, the auxiliary of the Women’s and Children’s Crisis Shelter, which provides free, short-term emergency shelter for thousands of women, men and children who are victims of domestic violence.

As you may recall, St. Andrew also helped the homeless by delivering more than \$500 in quarters to Saint Mathias to distribute for washing clothing at the laundromat. We also shared food for Saint Mathias’ Soup Hour that was given to us from the Orange County Food Bank during their monthly distribution to seniors on our campus.

WAIC also reported that it came to their attention that homelessness in young adults is a serious problem in our community. One organization that is working to address this issue is Jovenes, which is committed to helping young people aged 18-24 who are homeless, as well as at-risk immigrants and other disadvantaged youth. Jovenes’ Richard Estrada Youth Center in uptown Whittier provides youth with meals, Internet access, housing assessments, service referrals, education, and employment counseling.

The Center noted that its patrons were in need of underwear and other supplies. Through its partnership with Hanes, WAIC was able to secure a \$1,000 donation, as well as 200 men’s underwear, 300 women’s underwear, 30 sports bras, 300 pairs of women’s and men’s socks, and 1,500 reusable cotton masks.

St. Andrew also joined the effort to help homeless young adults in Whittier by giving a \$500 donation to the Nehemiah Project, which creates homes for youth aged 18-plus who are transitioning out of foster care. The donation went to the first home that opened in November for 16 young women. Future homes are planned to open in Whittier this year.

St. Andrew also helped address homelessness through our support of Habitat for Humanity. In 2021, we gave a total of \$2,409 to the organization, \$1,500 of which was for its LA Tithe Campaign, which went directly toward building one of the homes last year. The rest was from our ongoing benevolences.

We appreciate all of your support and generosity last year, and will continue to seek opportunities to help those in need, both locally and globally. We invite you to join us in these efforts in 2022.

Prayers cont.

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.

HEARTBEATS Staying Connected 1/24/2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

ONE AT ONE – *Every day this week beginning on Tuesday, January 25 you are encouraged to pray for one minute at one o'clock. This week, pray for peace in our world, especially between the Ukraine and Russia. Ask God to give world leaders the vision and commitment to find nonviolent ways of resolving conflict. Pray for the good of all people.*

I have on my desk a weathervane with a rooster on it. I bought it when studying to be a pastor because of the weathervane at Wartburg Theological Seminary where I attended. That weathervane was placed on top of the tall tower by Kent Knudsen, the former president of the seminary. Dr. Knudsen had it put there so he could see it from his office window to remind himself of Peter.

Dr. Knudsen (and I) recognize that there is a lot of Peter in all of us. We, at times, are the insightful, committed believers like Peter, who confessed that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah. And we, at times like Peter—sometimes even in the next instant—are so full of ourselves that we think we know better even than God how things should happen. Peter, after making that great confession then tried to prevent Jesus from going to Jerusalem, which led Jesus to confront Peter with the words, “Get behind me, Satan.”

Peter also opposed including Gentiles in the early Christian movement, believing it should be only for the Jews. Then God sent Peter a vision of a sheet being lowered from heaven with all kinds of animals on it and telling Peter to eat. Peter, seeing animals that Jews believed were unclean, refused, saying that he would never eat anything that was unclean. Then that voice from heaven told Peter, “Do not call unclean anything that God has made clean.” Just after that, some Gentiles showed up asking Peter to meet with them because the Holy Spirit had come upon them and totally changed Peter’s idea of how things should be. The lesson was that these Gentiles had been made “clean” by their faith, revealed in the Holy Spirit’s presence in their lives.

Jesus had given Simon the nickname Peter, which means “rock.” Rocks can be solid foundations at times, but if a rock gets rolling in the wrong direction—well, look out. That’s how Peter was and how we sometimes can be: faithful and solid at times, and, too often, rolling at downhill speed in the wrong direction. The rooster is a reminder of that night when Peter, initially so confident of his loyalty to Jesus that he would even die for his Lord, denied three times being part of Jesus’ group or even knowing Him. While we like to think we are strong, faithful believers, the truth is there are plenty of times where we go rolling off the wrong way. Thankfully, we have the grace of God who, even when we stray, still loves us and calls back. Perhaps we could all use a rooster placed where it can remind us of Peter, and perhaps it might help us to avoid becoming too confident in our own power, turning instead in those most challenging moments to the power of God’s love in Jesus.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jeffrey