

#### St. Andrew Lutheran Church

# Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 7/3 - 7/9/2022

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#### **Weekly Calendar:**

#### **Events This Week:**

July 3 | 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Youth Group

11:00 AM Adult Education (Zoom)

July 4 | Independence Day (Office Closed)

July 5 | Pastor's Day Off

7:00 PM Family and Youth

Commission Mtg (Zoom)

July 6 | 11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)

6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

July 9 | 1:00 PM Bill Lock's Memorial
Service (La Habra
Hills Presbyterian Church)

#### **Happy Birthday!**

Joshua Simar

July 3

Janeece Mann

July 3

Marie Jorgensen

Diana Hoover

Ginger Johnson

July 6

July 7

Jeffrey Mann

July 8

#### Happy Anniversary!

Jon & Diane Fort-Woody July 8

Youth Movie Night: All middle school youth are invited to an outdoor movie night on Friday, July 1st at 7pm. We'll have pizza, popcorn, candy, and marshmallows to roast over the fire. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Please contact Elissa at (562) 331-5470 for more info.

<u>Sunday School</u>: 7/3 at 8:30 AM. We meet every other Sunday. Hope to see you there!

**Youth Group:** 7/3 at 9:30 AM. Youth group is for all middle school youth. Invite your friends and join us for a great time!

Flowers are given by: Damon and Mary Jo DiRuscio's 54th wedding anniversary!

## 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.

#### Worship Assistants for July 3, 2022

Reader: Natalie Dickerson

Power Point: Marie Jorgensen

Praise Team: Matthew Sivertson

Organist / Choir Director: Randy Guiaya

Adult Education: Sunday @11 AM. If you're interested in joining, please email the church office or Marsha Ehlers for the Zoom invitation.

#### **Wednesdays Bible Studies:**

11:00 AM and 6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom) Contact the church office to be added to the Zoom email updates each week.

#### Men's Fellowship

July 2 at 8:00AM

Meetings will be held the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM. All men are invited and breakfast will be served. Please contact Nick Grana for more information. 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

Diane Fort Woody 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

Sue Grana
Youth and Family

#### **Bill Lock Memorial Service**

A memotial service for Dr. Bill Lock will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 1:00 PM at La Habra Hills Presbyterian Church (951 N Idaho St, La Habra, CA 90631)

#### HOME VIEWER COMMUNION

We are exploring possibilities for including home viewers in our celebration of communion each week. If you are one who watches our worship service from your home and would like to participate in the distribution of communion, please call the office, give us your name, and let us know your desire. Also tell us how many in your household would like to be included. The phone number for the church office is 562-944-1188.

#### **INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER!**

#### July is pasta month!

We are collecting pasta for the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) in July. Please bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings or to the office during the week.



| Month     | Food          |
|-----------|---------------|
| August    | Tomato sauce  |
| September | Cereal        |
| October   | Peanut butter |
| November  | Dried beans   |
| December  | Canned meat   |

# Making a difference in our community Interfaith Food Center contributions

We collected 39 pounds of rice for the Interfaith Food
Center in June.

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).

Looking ahead, please see the food collection calendar below for the remainder of the year. We will include reminders in the weekly updates. If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Thompson at 562-943-5161, or email her at italia4me2@gmail.com.

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Extending deadline: Quarters collection now ends July 10
If you haven't already picked up an empty quarters tube or
turned in your filled tube, there is still time to do so. We are
extending the deadline to Sunday, July 10. You can return
your tubes by dropping them in the offering plate or
bringing by the church office. If you have any questions,
please call Suzanne Thompson at 562-943-5161, or email
her at italia4me2@gmail.com.Thanks for your support!

San Juan Camino de Esperanza

#### St. Andrew begins new ministry in Peru

Dear St. Andrew members:

As you know, since we ended our ministry in Pachacamac, Peru, a few years ago, we have been looking for a similar effort that we could support. Through several conversations over many months with the ELCA representative for South America, Gustavo Driau, I believe we have found such a church.









San Juan Camino de Esperanza (St. John Road of Hope) is located in

Lima, Peru, in what is considered one of the districts with the highest population growth in South America (1,100,000 inhabitants as of 2015). The area is impacted by poverty, lack of basic services (water and sewage), and scarcity of employment (street vendor is a typical job), which has only worsened since the pandemic.

Despite those challenges, San Juan continues to minister to the surrounding community. Typical weekly activities include Sunday - adult worship; Saturday - Saturday school for girls and boys; Tuesday - visits with families; and Wednesday - prayer and Bible study.

Since 2000, the congregation has been working with children and adolescents, the most important of their programs being, "Sowing for the Future." The program currently ministers to about 50 children and adolescents aged 3-16 with homework support, educational and spiritual activities, and a small food reinforcement. They also provide various educational opportunities for parents to belp them climb out of poverty.

In conversation with the leaders of San Juan, Gustavo has identified three immediate needs:

1. To make the lunches that we offer to children and youth on Saturdays. Consisting of oatmeal, milk, butter, sugar,

- bread, and gas. \$ 350.00
- We need to make a screen to protect the classroom from the cold where we meet with the children and youth.
   \$ 180.00
- 3. In our congregation, four young people (3 ladies and 1 young man) finished high school, but due to a lack of resources, they did not continue their studies. So we are encouraging them to study technical courses offered by the state, and they only need to take an exam and pay the tuition. Some of them have a ticket and the supplies they will use this year. \$ 300.00

These projects seem very reasonable but can make a difference for the youth of San Juan. We would fund them with the remainder of our Peru team account, money from our Mission and Service projects account, and any money that is donated by our congregation. If you wish to contribute on a one-time and/or ongoing basis, please feel free to write a check to St. Andrew with "Peru projects" in the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate. Any money raised that is beyond the current needs will be reserved for future projects with San Juan.

We will keep you posted on our efforts with San Juan in the coming weeks and months. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks in advance for your support,

Suzanne Thompson

Mission and Service chair

#### **ELCA ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT**

### We won't let this moment pass. Call today and use your actions to demand policy change.

We refuse to numb ourselves to the horrors of recent tragedies including those in Buffalo, N.Y.; Uvalde, Texas; and additional near-daily shootings in communities across our country. Sadly, we and our leaders have failed to respond to the call for common sense gun violence prevention legislation. Renew your cry of painful necessity to insist on bipartisan gun reform policy, and as you are able, be a visible presence in your communities allied in commitment to end senseless shootings.

#### **CALL to push ACTION NOW**

Call your Senator today from the Capitol Switchboard - 202-224-3121 – and ask them to support bi-partisan legislation to stop gun violence in our nation. Not sure who to ask for? Lookup from http://www.govtrack.us.

Using your own viewpoint, share: "I am from [your locality], and I support bi-partisan legislation to stop gun violence including stronger background checks, ending the sale of military-style rifles domestically, and laws that restrict access to guns for individuals who are at a higher risk of harming themselves or others."

#### Concerts on the Green at Concordia University

Concerts are from 5-7pm on the big green lawn in between Grimm Hall and the CU Center at Concordia University Irvine (1530 Concordia West Irvine, CA 92612). Admission is free, and attendees are encouraged to bring beach chairs, blankets, and a picnic to enjoy as you soak in the sunshine and sweet sounds of the summer!

Sunday, July 17th | PointMade: Orange County's favorite classic rock cover band is back and performing everyone's favorite hits of the 60s, 70s, and 80s, including popular renditions from The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, The Beatles, Tom Petty, Elton John, America, Van

Morrison, and more!

<u>Sunday, July 24th | The Nico Trio Band:</u> A fusion of soul, Motown, jazz, and rock! The Nico Trio Band serves up eclectic, soulful twists on iconic melodies with spontaneous improvisation. Featuring your favorite songs by Ray Charles, Otis Redding, Aretha Franklin, Al Green, and more!

Sunday, July 31st | Stone Soul: An 8-piece, horn-blowing, foot-stomping classic soul and Motown tribute band that will have you dancing The Jerk, The Mashed Potatoes, and The Twist to smash hits from Smokey 3 Robinson, The Temptations, The Four Tops, James Brown, and more!

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 and the difficult words of Jesus. Christian education and activity videos are available for children.

There are also several good studies available including: Travel Study: The Call To Follow the Journeys of Paul. It begins with his dramatic conversion as he spread the Gospel through modern day Greece and Turkey.

Signs and Wonders: The Beginners Guide to the Miracles of Jesus by Amy Jill Levine The Lord's Prayer: Pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know and pray the Lord's Prayer.

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

#### **Prayers**

In Memoriam: Bobbe Muldown, Susie Hango



•Lois Kalla

#### **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

Friends and Family

Matthew Muldown

| <b>Members</b> |
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| •Selma Bergen  |
| •Eileen Hurley |
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# Alex Abarca Wendy Carrera Nancy Clacker Robert Craig Annette Navarre Victor Palencia Mike Shanahan Terrie Tengelsen Roz Tranberg

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| Matt Fantz        | •Betty Dage |
| Marcus Glidden    | •Barbara D  |
| Shirley Loveless  | •Grace Gun  |
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•Jeff Woody