



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 8/28 - 9/3/2022

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Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

Aug 28 | Blessing of the Backpacks
 8:30 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Worship
 9:30 AM Youth Group
 11:00 AM Adult Education (Zoom)

Aug 31 | Global Farm Challenge Deadline
 11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)
 6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Happy Birthday!

Lindsey Schuck	Aug 28
Krystal Martin	Aug 31
Dan Thompson	Sept 1

Sunday School: 8/28 at 8:30 AM. We meet every other Sunday. Hope to see you there!

Worship Assistants for August 28, 2022

Reader: Emily Bruhns
Power Point: Marie Jorgensen
Praise Team Matthew Sivertson
Organist/Choir Director: Randy Guiaya

Flowers are given by: The Yochim Family in memory of Mrs. Kathleen (Kay) Yochim, who has fallen asleep until the return of our Lord Jesus Christ on August 11, 2022 in Mount Pleasant, SC. Kay Yochim was an active member and volunteer at St. Andrew from the 1960's-1990's. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations to St Andrew's Peru fund be made.



The Flower Chart 2022: Sept slot available: Sept 11. The cost is \$40 per bouquet. Please indicate 'flowers' in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday Worship Update:

We are resuming congregational singing on Sunday. Masking is optional, but people are asked to be aware of how near they are sitting to others with the return of singing.

Blessing of the Backpacks/ Water Day

August 28

Please join us for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on August 28th at 9:30AM. After the service, we will have fun water activities for the kids. You won't want to miss this fun filled day!

Don't forget to bring your backpacks for the blessing.

Youth Group: 8/28 at 9:30 AM. Youth group is for all middle school youth. Invite your friends and join us for a great time!

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.

Monthly

INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER!

August is tomato sauce month

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



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

Last Sunday to donate to ELCA Global Farm Challenge

\$205 more needed to fund THREE family farms!

We are now just \$205 short of funding THREE family farms in the ELCA’s Global Farm Challenge. This will help give a fresh start to three family farms by providing each one with a cow, two goats, two pigs, a dozen chicks, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training and support.

If you haven’t had a chance to donate to this effort and would still like to do so, please feel free to

write your check to St. Andrew, with “Global Farm Challenge” in the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate.



We will be collecting donations through the end of August.



New activity added!

God’s work. Our hands.

This year, St. Andrew will be observing God’s

work. Our hands., the ELCA’s annual day of service, on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. We have two different activities planned with your interests and comfort level in mind.

Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We are looking for 15 volunteers to assemble food packages at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank’s new operations in the City of Industry. The packages will go to more than 27,000 low-income seniors in LA County that live on a fixed income. This will be a fun activity with music and working alongside others toward a common goal of helping to alleviate hunger.

The new facility is located at 2300 Pellissier Place in the City of Industry, which is right off the Peck Road exit of the northbound 605 freeway, and about a 10-mile drive from Whittier. We understand that not everyone may be comfortable driving or participating in this type of activity, which will require standing on your feet (with some breaks). If you are, all volunteers must have a Covid vaccination or negative test within seven days of September 10. Masks will be required in the facility. The minimum age to volunteer is 18.

How you can participate:

Volunteers must register online. A registration link will be shared in advance. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please contact Suzanne Thompson via email – italia4me2@gmail.com – or phone – (562) 943-5161. Deadline to commit to volunteering is September 1.

Sunday, September 11 activity, after worship services

We will be writing cards for residents of the Veterans’ Home of California-Barstow. This is a 220-bed, long-term care facility providing California veterans with a living environment that protects their dignity, and contributes to their feeling of self-reliance and self-worth.

How you can participate:

Blank cards and writing paper will be available in the Lounge on Sunday, September 11. You can choose to write your cards that day, or take some with you and write them at home, then bring them back the following Sunday and place them on the designated table in the Narthex.

Please feel to wear your God’s Work. Our Hands. or Thrivent T-shirts on these days.

If you have questions about this information, please email Suzanne Thompson at italia4me2@gmail.com or call (562) 943-5161.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Peru ministry update

Gustavo Driau, the ELCA’s regional representative for South America, and our Peru ministry contact, shared the following update with us from his recent trip to Peru.

"I want you to know that my visit to the national church in Peru has been very good and satisfactory after the interruption of monitoring visits due to the pandemic.

My visit to the Congregation San Juan Camino de Esperanza was part of the plan to visit Peru. I spent a whole morning and even shared lunch with the leadership and families in San Juan. The pandemic and its consequences have wreaked havoc in poor communities. There are many changes; for example, low-income families of the congregation have migrated to the countryside to make a living. At the same time, new migrants have arrived from Peru and Venezuela, connecting with the congregation.

The San Juan Camino mission always focuses on the children's ministry.

The leadership in San Juan has been consolidated. Pastor Ana Maria Jara was formally ordained and installed. One of the young leaders, Jennifer Canazas, has obtained a scholarship from ELCA-CWO to study psychology and social work (...and perhaps become a pastor in the future)."

Please see the accompanying photos from Gustavo's visit with San Juan.

As part of St. Andrew's ministry with San Juan, we will be assisting them with three immediate needs: money for the lunches offered to children/youth on Saturdays; a classroom screen to protect the children from the cold; and exam/tuition expenses to enable four youth to take higher learning technical courses offered by the state. If you wish to contribute to these efforts, please feel free to write a check to St. Andrew with "Peru" 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.



Pastor Ana and Jennifer

July meeting with migrant families

Children's homes near the church



New migrant homes

San Cristobal Hill in San Juan de Lurigancho district (congregation is at the foot of the hill)

Prayers

Members

- Isla Holmes
- Jennifer Oertel

Community Prayers

Pastor Tim at River of Hope Mission, Habitat for Humanity, our brothers, and sisters in Pachacamac, Peru, our brothers and sisters at San Juan Camino de Esperanza in Lima, Peru, family and friends who are serving in the military, ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pacifica Synod Bishop Dave Nagler, and our Pastor Jeffrey Nelson.

Friends and Family - Long Term

- Jeralyn Ehlers
- Chiari Eliazaras
- Grant Eyles
- Christine
Fantz
- Matt Fantz
- Marcus Glidden
- Shirley Loveless

Friends and Family

- Robert Craig
- Arjun Dickerson
- Magnus
Dickerson
- Doug Jones
- Craig Loud

- Paul McInnes
- Annette Navarre
- Barbara Navarro
- Victor Palencia
- David Ruud
- Karen
- Mike
- Nick & Angel

Members - Long Term

- Leslie Barr
- Lynn Burns
- Anne Christiansen
- Ken Christiansen
- Betty Dagen
- Barbara DuBois
- Grace Gundell

- Marian Humphreys
- Lois Kalla
- Shirley Kellison
- Krystal Martin
- Christine Perez
- Sally Sauer
- Lorraine Tunburg
- Sandy Wicker
- Jeff Woody