



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 11/13 - 11/19/2022

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Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

Nov 13 | 8:30 AM Choir Practice
9:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Confirmation (St. Paul's)
11:30 AM Adult Education (Zoom)
Nov 15 | 4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Happy Birthday!

Terry Reimer Nov 14

Worship Assistants for November 13, 2022

Reader: Isla Holmes
Power Point: Marie Jorgensen
Acolytes: Emma Sipple and Samantha Sipple
Organist / Choir Director: Randy Guiaya

Flowers are given by:



Chris Allen for Nancy Allen.

Adult Education: Sunday @11:30 AM. If you're interested in joining, please email the church office or Marsha Ehlers for the Zoom link.

Wednesday Bible Studies: On Hiatus

Bible Study is on hiatus until January 4 to allow folks to attend the special midweek services from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

Prayer Chain

As many of you know, St. Andrew has a very active prayer chain. Praying for others blesses us and those we pray for. If you would like to join us in prayer, please call or email the church office or Marie at mjorgen10@aol.com. Also, if you have a request for prayer for yourself, a relative or a friend you can contact us using the information above or just text or call Marie.

St. Andrew makes impact with Thanksgiving food donations

We collected 51 pounds of food and \$100 for the Interfaith Food Center for Thanksgiving!

Thank you for your generosity in helping to feed those who are hungry in our community.

Interfaith Food Center contributions

We collected 28 jars of peanut butter for the Interfaith Food Center in October.

St. Andrew to gift Interfaith Food Center \$1,000

We will be sending the Interfaith Food Center a financial donation of \$1,000 in support of the holidays as well as their ongoing efforts.

This money is in addition to our quarterly benevolence that we send to the IFC, and is the result of donations that you have dedicated specifically for the IFC.

Your generosity makes all of these gifts possible, so thank you!

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

St. Andrew Cares

St. Andrew offers care for all our members. We have volunteers who can provide rides for medical appointments or other appointments, shop for groceries, and provide meals. Most of these services are for short term when needed. We also have a supply of medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs in storages. Please call or email the church office office.standrewlutheranchurch@gmail.com or Marie Jorgensen.

VFW dinner: a blessing to St. Andrew and attendees

Our dinner for the veterans of the La Mirada VFW post last Saturday was a great success! They loved all of the delicious soups, chili, cornbread, bread, salads, and desserts, and were very grateful.



Thanks to everyone who helped make this day possible – those who donated food or volunteered to serve or made decorations, as well as our youth and their leaders for making the banner.

A special thanks to Thrivent for the action grant which helped us with some of

the costs for this event. The remainder of the grant will allow us to make a donation of food worth \$100 to the VFW's food pantry, which distributes food monthly to veterans and others in need in the community.



The VFW would love to have us come back again, so we hope to make that happen next year. We will keep you posted!



Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Auction

We will have our Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 23rd at 7:00 pm. And, we're bringing back the Pie Auction! If you are able, please bring a pie that evening so that we can auction it off to the highest bidder and raise money for our Hospitality Commission

Honor our veterans by participating in 'National Wreaths Across America Day' on December 17

Each December on "National Wreaths Across America Day," volunteers place wreaths at veterans' gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 17. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with a special ceremony, followed by the laying of wreaths.

The closest participating cemetery to Whittier is Memory Garden Memorial Park, 455 W. Central Ave.,

Brea (right next to La Habra). The cemetery is small so the process of laying the wreaths typically takes about an hour, depending on the number of volunteers.

To sign up to volunteer, or for further information, visit the Wreaths Across America website at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.

Note from Suzanne Thompson: My sister and I have participated in this event, and will be doing so again this year. It's a great Christmas activity for individuals and families, and a simple yet meaningful way to pay respect to our nation's veterans.

Annual Congregation Budget Meeting

Our annual Congregation Budget Meeting will be held on December 18th, following the service. We will have our second vote on changes to our Constitution that we have made and also changes that the Synod has made. In addition we will be approving our budget for 2023. If you would like a copy of any of the above, please let the office know and they can be emailed to you. Hard copies will be available in the narthex in December.

INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER!

November is dried beans month!



We are collecting dried beans this month for the Interfaith Food Center.

Please bring your donations to church on Sunday or to the office during the week.

Christmas food collection runs through December 4

The deadline to donate non-perishable food for Christmas to the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) is **December 4.**

You can drop off your donations in the Narthex or the office during office hours.

Most needed items

Mashed potatoes	Gravy	Chicken or vegetable broth
Canned vegetables	Cranberry sauce or jelly	Cream of mushroom soup
Canned yams		

Gift cards versus toy donations – deadline December 4

The deadline for donating \$20 gift cards for Target, Walmart or Amazon is also December 4. Gift cards can be dropped off in the box on the table in the Narthex or in the office.

Financial donations welcome

Checks can be made to St. Andrew and note “Interfaith Food Center- Christmas” in the memo line, or noted on the offering envelope if cash. Checks or cash can be placed in the offering plate or church mailbox.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Prayers

Community Prayers

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

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

Friends and Family

- Chaplain Les Bishop
- David Blackburn
- Magnus Dickerson
- Annette Navarre
- Carmen Rodriguez
- Kathy Cadwallader

Members

- Chris Allen
- Christine Perez
- Christopher Perez
- Vicki Linta
- Elissa Mitzen

Friends and Family – Long Term

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