



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 12/18 - 12/24/2022

Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

- Dec 18 | 8:30 AM Choir Practice
- 8:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 9:30 AM Youth Group
- 10:30 AM Congregational Budget Meeting
- 11:30 AM Adult Education (Zoom)
- Dec 20 | 4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
- Dec 24 | 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

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 church-wide changes to our Constitution that we have 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 are available in the narthex.

Sunday School: 12/18 at 8:30 AM. We meet every other Sunday. Hope to see you there!

Worship Assistants for December 18, 2022

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

Youth Group: 12/18 at 9:30 AM. Youth group is for all middle school youth. Invite your friends and join us for a great time!

Happy Birthday!

Art Revueltas	Dec 19
Stephanie Sipple	Dec 22
Zachary Serrano	Dec 22
Chris Allen	Dec 23
Linda Ludwick	Dec 23

Poinsettias are given by:

- Jan and Ken Beardslee
In honor of Selma Bergen
In honor of Shirley Kellison
In honor of Lorraine Tunberg
- Nancy and Len Bobier:
In honor of Faye Tengelsen
- Grace and Ken Christiansen
In memory of their parents
- Vern and Geneva DeBuhr
Dickersons
In memory of Ruth Robison Ali Hassan
- Marianne and Dave Dickerson
In honor of their dear grandchildren: Natalie, Evelyn, Mikey, Arjun, Magnus, and Adam
- Diane and Jon Fort-Woody
In memory of Anne Schuman and Ruth Woody
- Nick and Sue Grana
In memory of their parents
- Kevin and Isla Holmes
In memory of Ken John and Janice Holmes
- Mardie Heller
Forest and Verla Nielsen
In memory of their daughter Sandra Davis
In memory of their granddaughter Laci Massaro

- 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
- 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

Adult Education:

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

Christ in Our Home

Christ in Our Home (January - March) booklets are now available for pickup in Narthex!

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church invites you to join us on 12/24 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary for our Christmas Eve Service and 12/25 11:00 AM for our Christmas Day Service!

The Flower Chart 2023!

The Flower Chart for 2023 is 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.

Volunteers sought for Habitat for Humanity build in south Los Angeles on January 14

Habitat for Humanity has now opened up its build sites to volunteers, and has offered St. Andrew a small number of volunteer spots for one of its current sites in south Los Angeles.

We are seeking 7 volunteers to work on Saturday, January 14, from 8 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. The site is located at 215 E. El Segundo Blvd.

Our goal would be to carpool to the site to reduce the number of people having to drive.

No experience or particular skills are necessary to work on the site. Must be at least 16 years old to participate.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex. Volunteers will receive further details and an event registration link.

If you have any questions, please see Suzanne Thompson.

For many years St. Andrew sponsored a well-attended women's group for widowed or single ladies who met for fellowship, social events and devotions. The group chose the title of Women Alone Together (WAT). Eventually this group disbanded.

Since there are a sizeable number of ladies in our current congregation who are living alone, the Adult Ministries Commission announces the formation of a new opportunity for single women.

Invitations will be sent out in January for a kick-off event to be held on January 21st. Questions may be directed to Kathy Mitzen, kmitzen1335@gmail.com or Debbie Warren at debbiew2020@gmail.com.

Notice: Hearing on Appeal of City of Whittier Intent to Remove Trees

Photo below:
2 Story current building of corner of Cornslock and Philadelphia and 4 or 5 massive trees of good health and vigor left.



Photo above: Largest tree - a 55 ft canopy

Photo below:
Rendering of the 5 story, residential only, proposed project that will replace the current building and, according to the city, require the removal of all 5 massive four trees.



On Wednesday, December 21 in the City of Whittier Council Chambers at 6PM the Parks and Recreation and Community Services Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of the Parks Department intention to remove 5 massive Indian Laurel trees (*Ficus microcarpa*) to make way for a 5 story, residential only, project. The appeal was filed by David Dickerson, chair of the Urban Forest Committee of the Whittier Conservancy. For further information please contact Mr Dickerson at (562) 698-8657 home, (562) 619-9987 cell or email at attorneydickerson@yahoo.com Please note that the hearing may be continued to 3rd Wednesday of January 2023 so be sure to contact Mr Dickerson on 12/16/22 when the city posts the agenda.

"According to the arborist report the trees are "massive," "of good health and vigor" and have a DBH (diameter at breast height) of 28" - 33."

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.

St. Andrew receives Synod grants to benefit those in need

St. Andrew has been awarded two grants from the ELCA Pacifica Synod that we applied for to help support our local and global service efforts.

The Murray and Rhoda Finck Global Engagement Mission Fund” (GEM Fund) - \$880

The goal of the GEM Fund is to assist congregations of the Pacifica Synod in their Global Mission efforts, and to share in ministry with God’s people as we together strive for a lasting world peace. It is named in honor of Bishop Emeritus Murray Finck and his wife Rhoda, in recognition and appreciation of their service and accomplishments during the 18 years that Bishop Murray served as Bishop of the Pacifica Synod (from 1998 through 2016.)

St. Andrew received \$880 to fund three projects for the children’s ministry of San Juan Camino de Esperanza in Lima, Peru: Saturday snacks for the children consisting of oatmeal, milk, butter, sugar, and bread; a partition between the temple and service area to protect the children from the cold, and create privacy for the separate use of the room; and scholarships to four teenagers to pay for the exam/tuition for state technical courses.

As you may recall, St. Andrew was able to raise the \$880 for these projects through our Peru accounts and donations from our members, and sent the money to San Juan in October. With this grant, we will be able to replenish our Peru fund, which will enable us to help San Juan with future needs.

The Matthew 25 Fund - \$450

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

The purpose of the Matthew 25 Fund is to honor Christ as he spoke in Matthew 25:35-40. Jerry and Lynda Engelhardt established the fund through a strong desire to help people as in the verse.

St. Andrew received \$450 to prepare and serve two meals to members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9148 in La Mirada, and donate food to the post’s neighborhood food pantry that distributes food to homeless veterans and others in need on a monthly basis. Our November dinner for the post was very well received by the veterans, and we look forward to serving them these additional meals.

Prayers

Community Prayers

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

Members - Long Term

- Leslie Barr
- Lynn Burns
- Ken Christiansen
- Barbara DuBois
- Grace Gundell
- Marian Humphreys
- Lois Kalla

- Shirley Kellison
- Krystal Martin
- Sally Sauer
- Lorraine Tunburg
- Sandy Wicker
- Jeff Woody

Friends and Family

- David Blackburn
- Magnus Dickerson
- Matt and Amrita Dickerson
- Annette Navarre
- Kathy Cadwallader
- Phil Gallego
- Arlene Gallego
- Ann Phelps

Members

- Chris Allen
- Christine Perez
- Elissa Mitzen
- Madeline Thomas
- Jose Rodriguez and family grieving the loss of his mother, Carmen

Friends and Family – Long Term

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