



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 12/11 - 12/17/2022

Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

Dec 11 | *Deadline for Poinsettias*
 8:30 AM Choir Practice
 9:30 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Confirmation
 11:30 AM Adult Education (Zoom)

Dec 13 | 6:00 PM Hannah Circle

Dec 14 | 7:00 PM Advent Service

Dec 17 | 9:00 AM Wreaths Across America
 6:00 PM Lessons & Carols service at
 St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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

Midweek Advent Service

12/14 at 7:00 PM

We hope to see you there!

Happy Birthday!

Linda Serrano	Dec 11
Natalie Dickerson	Dec 13
Matt Barton	Dec 15

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

Worship Assistants for December 11, 2022

Reader: Emily Bruhns
Power Point: Debbie Warren
Organist / Choir Director: Randy Guiaya

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.

Flowers are given by: the Dickersons for Natalie's 18th birthday!



Recapping our Interfaith Food Center Christmas donations

Thank you to everyone who made contributions of food, gift cards and money to the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) for Christmas.

Here is what we collected:

- 32 pounds of food
- \$330 in gift cards
- \$791 in checks/cash

The financial contributions include money collected from our Thanksgiving pie auction and donations from the Altar Guild and our members.

Poinsettias: DEADLINE SUNDAY DEC 11
 If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in remembrance or in honor of someone, call the church or fill out the order form. The cost is \$10.00. Please make out a check to St. Andrew and put the word poinsettia on the memo line. Put your check in the offering plate that is in the narthex or send a check to the office. Deadline is December 11..

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!

Christ in Our Home

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

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 churchwide 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.

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.

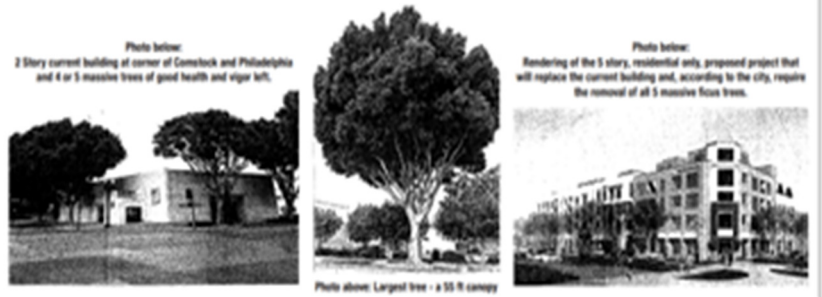
If you have any questions, please see Suzanne Thompson.

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



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."*

Lessons & Carols: The annual Lessons & Carols service at St Michael Church in Whittier will be held on Saturday December 17 at 6 pm. St Michael is a Christian Orthodox parish located at 3333 Workman Mill Road

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.

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.

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
- Christine Perez
- Sally Sauer
- Lorraine Tunburg
- Sandy Wicker
- Jeff Woody

Friends and Family

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

Members

- Chris Allen
- Family and Friends of Betty Dagen
- Christine Perez
- Christopher Perez
- Elissa Mitzen

Friends and Family - Long Term

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