

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 2/19 - 2/25/2023

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Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

Feb 19 | Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:30 AM Choir Practice

9:30 AM Worship

9:30 AM Youth Group

10:45 AM Potluck and Pre-Lenten

Workshop

11:00 AM Youth and Family

Commission Mtg

Feb 20 | President's Day

(Office Closed)

Feb 21 | Pastor's Day Off

4:00 PM Executive Committee

Mtg (Zoom)

Feb 22 | Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

(informal)

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

(formal)

Happy Birthday!

Marian Humphrey Feb 21
Joshua Klyde Feb 21

Vicki Linta Feb 21

Arianna Rodriguez Feb 24

Happy Anniversary!

Ronney & Lorraine O'Brien Feb 21

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.

Worship Assistants for February 19, 2023

Reader: Dave Dickerson
PowerPoint: Debbie Warren
Praise Team: Matthew Sivertson

Organist / Choir Director: Randy Guiaya

Youth Group: 2/19 at 9:30 AM. Youth group is for all middle school youth. Invite your friends and join us for a great time!

Kansas City Chiefs win game and soup

<u>competition</u> Thanks to your generosity and



team spirit, we collected 58 cans of soup in our Souper Bowl friendly competition.

You picked the winner with 29 cans of soup for the

Kansas City Chiefs, compared to 22 cans donated for the Philadelphia Eagles.

All Souper Bowl contributions will be added to our February soup collection for the Interfaith Food Center.

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

Potluck on February 19 (THIS SUNDAY)

On Sunday, February 19 we are going to have a potluck before Pastor Jeffrey's Lenten Discipline workshop. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45, right after Sunday's service. We are asking that members with a last name of A - H bring a main dish to share. Members with a last name from I - Z bring a side dish or salad. Hospitality commission will provide beverages and desserts. Please sign up on Sunday February 5 or February 12 so we have an idea of who will be attending. Thank you and I am looking forward to this chance for fellowship and learning. Isla Holmes

INTERFAITH FOOD CENTER!

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SPECIAL LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. During Lent, many people "give something up," which can be a good practice. But because JESUS took the cross on HIMSELF for us, we are free from the need to earn GOD'S love. So, I like to encourage people to take on something for Lent, rather than give something up.

This year, I am inviting the entire congregation to take on and join in a special Lenten discipline that could be a blessing to you and impactful for our congregation. Plan to stay for a potluck lunch on Sunday, February 19 and the workshop that will follow to introduce this Lenten activity that will bring an outward looking focus to your Lenten journey.

In CHRIST'S love,

Pastor Jeffrey

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP with

Imposition of Ashes

February 22

Informal Service at 12:00 Noon in the Lounge

Formal Service at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center

MIDWEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND WORSHIP: Wednesdays beginning March

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"Bible People You Don't Know but Should"
Supper 6:00 pm / Worship around
the table 6:45 pm



This past week we woke to the news that two powerful earthquakes had hit Turkey and significantly impacted neighboring Syria. The first was a magnitude 7.8 earthquake in south central Turkey, followed hours later by a magnitude 7.5 quake in the southeastern part of the country. The two quakes have devastated Turkey and Syria, collapsing thousands of buildings and damaging infrastructure. Over 20,000 people have been killed and thousands more have been injured, yet

search-and-rescue efforts are only in the early stages. A cold and snowy weather system now moving through the region complicates the response efforts.

Lutheran Disaster Response has been active in this region for several years, partnering with ACT Alliance, the Lutheran World Federation and the Middle East Council of Churches to accompany Syrian refugees and internally displaced people with food, water, shelter, health services and sanitation support. The epicenter of one earthquake lies near Turkish provinces that host hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees, which will only exacerbate the refugee crisis in the region.

Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting ACT Alliance and other partners in responding to these earthquakes. Even as the sun was rising on the first earthquake, ACT Alliance member organizations began distributing emergency supplies, including medicines, bedding and other relief items. A comprehensive response will be coordinated as the full extent of the impact becomes clearer.

If you would like to donate to this cause, please make your check payable to St. Andrew Lutheran Church and write "Earthquake Relief" in the memo. We will send your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response so that relief may come quickly to those in need.

AmazonSmile program ends February 20

Thanks to everyone who has used the AmazonSmile program in the past to designate to St. Andrew a portion of the purchase price on their Amazon orders.

According to a recent communication from Amazon, the program will be discontinued by February 20 as it has "not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped."

Additional donations through the program will continue to accrue until it officially closes in February.

Kindness ideas for the new year

Imagine a world where you can succeed by being nice. Where we all pay it forward. Where people look out for each other. It all starts with an act.

For inspiring kindness ideas, visit https:// www.randomactsofkindn ess.org/kindness-ideas



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, victims of violence and natural disasters, ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pacifica Synod Bishop Dave Nagler, and our Pastor Jeffrey Nelson.

Members - Long Term

- •Elissa Mitzen
- •Lynn Burns
- •Ken Christiansen
- •Barbara DuBois
- •Grace Gundell
- Marian Humphreys
- •Shirley Kellison
- •Sally Sauer
- •Lorraine Tunburg
- Sandy Wicker
- •Jeff Woody
- •Nolan Berner
- •Jim Johnson

Prayers

Members

- •Chris Allen
- •Christine Perez
- •Diane Fort-Woody
- •Krystal Martin

Friends and **Family**

- Long Term •Chiari Eliazarras
- •Grant Eyles
- •Christine Fantz
- Matt Fantz
- •Marcus Glidden

- •Shirley Loveless
- •Leslie Barr
- Doug Jones
- •Sister Emilia Quispe
- Jarrett Guillow
- •Jim & Kim O'Connell

Friends and **Family**

- David Blackburn
- Magnus Dickerson
- •Matt and Amrita •June Lipps

Dickerson

- •Annette Navarre
- •Phil Gallego
- •Arlene Gallego
- •Ann Phelps
- •Joe Lipps
- •Dylan Lipps