

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 10/15 - 10/21/2023

Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

- Oct 15 | 8:30 AM Choir Practice
- 8:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 9:30 AM Youth Group
- 10:45 AM Adult Education Class
- Oct 17 | 4:00 PM Executive Committee Mtg (Zoom)
- Oct 18 | 11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)
- Oct 19 | 1:00 PM Youth and Family Commission Mtg
- Oct 21 | 1:00 PM IFC 40 Year Celebration (at IFC in Santa Fe Springs)

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

Worship Assistants for Oct 15, 2023

Reader: Emily Bruhns
PowerPoint: Debbie Warren
Acolytes: Jasmine Rodriguez and Ariana Rodriguez
Organist / Choir Director: Randy Guiaya
Praise Team: Clayton Mark

The Flower Chart 2023!

The Flower Chart for 2023 is available for you to sign up for donating flowers for Sunday mornings.

October open dates: 22

The cost is \$40 per bouquet. Please indicate 'flowers' in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity.

Youth Group: 10/15 at 9:30 AM. Youth group is for all middle school youth. Invite your friends and join us for a great time!

Snack Sign-Up: Nancy Bobier

Thank you for providing snacks this Sunday!

Happy Birthday!

Connie Isais Oct 19

Wednesday Bible Studies

11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)

6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Contact the church office to be added to the Zoom email updates each week.

THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT:

This Week's Reading

Matthew 26- Mark 2

Join us as we read through the New Testament in a year! Binders with study questions for each chapter are now available at church for a suggested donation of \$10. You are welcome to take the study binder even if you don't have the funds to donate.

Adult Education

Sunday @10:45 AM

Grab your cup of coffee (and a cookie!) and join us in Room 7. We're looking forward to meeting with everyone in a non-Zoom conversation!

October is peanut butter month!

We are collecting peanut butter for the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) in October. 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

Debbie Warren

Vice President

Linda Ludwick

Treasurer

Susie Besack

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



Come celebrate the Interfaith Food Center's 40-year anniversary!

Attend the special event on October 21

The Interfaith Food Center (IFC) in Santa Fe Springs will be celebrating 40 years of serving the community with an event on Saturday, October 21 from 1-3 pm.

IFC began as a community-based food distribution center organized by a compassionate group of local churches and synagogues that recognized a developing need as the number of malnourished senior citizens in the Whittier and La Mirada area continued to grow. The non-profit began by serving some 30 low-income families, and is now one of the largest food pantries in California, serving more than 1,300 households on a weekly basis. The need continues to rise, and, in fact, has risen 79 percent over pre-pandemic numbers.

Join the anniversary celebration

Attend the anniversary celebration and take a tour of the facility, meet the staff and volunteers, see the work the IFC does in the community, and enjoy some food, raffles and entertainment.

Event details

Date: Saturday, October 21 from 1-3 pm

Location: Interfaith Food Center, 11819 Burke Street, Santa Fe Springs

RSVP by: Monday, October 16 in one of three ways:

Via email at acatt@interfaithfoodcenter.org

Via phone at (562) 903-1478 x204

Via IFC website at <https://interfaithfoodcenter.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/12379>



Giving back to local veterans on November 10



St. Andrew will be hosting our third dinner for members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9148 in La Mirada on Friday, November 10 at 5 p.m.

We will be serving a baked potato bar, complete with chili and all the fixings, plus salad and dessert.

Volunteers are needed to make/donate the food that we will serve, as well as a very small number of people to set up the dinner.

Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the entry for opportunities to join in this valuable effort.

Monetary donations are also welcomed to help defray the cost of some of the food items that must be purchased.

Please feel free to write a check to St. Andrew and put "VFW dinner" in the memo line.

Questions? Contact Suzanne Thompson via email at italia4me2@gmail.com or phone at 562-943-5161.

IFC holiday food drive: October 1-December 10

St. Andrew will once again be collecting Thanksgiving and Christmas food and financial donations for the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) between October 1 and December 10. Your donations can help make a difference, and create a memorable holiday season for families in need this year.

You can bring your food donations anytime during that time period, and drop them off in the church entry or the office during office hours.

Contributions collected between October 1 – November 5 will be delivered to IFC in time for Thanksgiving. Donations collected after that and up to December 10 will be delivered for Christmas.

Most needed items

Mashed potatoes	Gravy	Chicken or vegetable broth
Canned vegetables	Cranberry sauce or jelly	Cream of mushroom soup
Canned yams	Stuffing	Macaroni and cheese
Cornbread or cake mix	Dried beans	Jell-o or pudding
Fruit juice	Cooking oil	Canned pumpkin

Gift cards versus toy donations – deadline December 10

In lieu of toys, the IFC will be accepting \$20 gift cards for Target, Walmart or Amazon. Gift cards can be placed in the Sunday collection plates or dropped off in the office until December.

Financial donations welcome

Checks can be made to St. Andrew and note “Interfaith Food Center- Thanksgiving (or Christmas)” in the memo line, or 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!

St. Andrew to send money to aid humanitarian crisis at southern boarder

The St. Andrew Church Council has voted to approve a \$1,000 donation to King of Kings Lutheran Church in Oceanside that has been working with other community leaders to address the flood of migrants in San Diego County. The money will be used to provide food and other resources for the more than 8,000 asylum seekers who have appointments with immigration offices months away from now and have sponsors in the US waiting to reunite with them.

The contribution was made possible through St. Andrew’s Thrivent Choice Dollars account, which is money that is distributed each year to Thrivent's eligible members giving them the discretion to use the funds where they feel they are most needed.

Hi Everyone!

Stewardship and Hospitality are having a Chili Cook-off to kick off our Stewardship campaign for 2024. The date is November 5th right after the worship service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to enter.

Chili should be prepared before the 5th and brought in a crockpot to the kitchen before the 9:30 service where it will be heated up. This is your chance to show off your culinary skills! Chili will be judged by all who are in attendance. Salad and dessert will be provided.

Cordially,
Diane and Isla

Prayers

In loving memory of Grace Gundell



Members - Long Term

- Lynn Burns
- Leslie Barr
- Shirley Kellison
- Sally Sauer
- Jeff Woody
- Nolan Berner
- Jim Johnson
- Sharon Pollard
- Earl Ruschmeier

Friends and Family – Long Term

- Chiari Eliazarras
- Grant Eyles
- Matt Fantz
- Marcus Glidden
- Shirley Loveless
- Jim & Kim O’Connell
- Joyce Benson
- Jennifer Jessie
- The Ruiz Family

- Christy Marie Van Patten
- Sherri Wagner
- Mike Hornback
- Carl Batchler
- Mr. Rubio and Family
- Joyce Combes
- Katy Parker
- Bruce Adair
- Kenneth Jones
- Cavez Isais
- Edward James Olmos

- Mark Fonvergne
- Family and Friends of Dolores
- Sandra

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.

Friends and Family

- Magnus, Matt, Amrita & Arjun Dickerson
- Gail Nance and Family
- Karen Depraect
- Annette Navarre
- Phil Gallego
- Arlene Gallego
- Ann Phelps
- Joe Lipps
- Dylan Lipps

Former Pastors

- Pastor Mary Rowe
- Pastor Les and Helen Hoffman

Members

- Ken Christiansen
- Kathy Mitzen
- Gloria Morse
- Diane Fort-Woody
- Jon Woody
- Chris Allen
- Christine Perez
- Jennifer Oertel