

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 10/29 - 11/4/2023

Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

Oct 29 | Reformation Sunday
 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
 5:00 PM Trunk or Treat

Oct 30 | Carina on Vacation

Nov 1 | Carina on Vacation
 11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)
 6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Nov 4 | Men's Fellowship

Reformation Sunday: Sunday, October 29 is Reformation Sunday, the birthday of the Lutheran Church! Wear red to help commemorate this annual celebration of Martin Luther's witness to the grace of God which launched the Protestant Reformation in 1517.

Sunday School: Sunday School at 8:30 AM. We will be meeting every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sunday School Room. Hope to see you there!

Worship Assistants for Oct 29, 2023

Reader: Isla Holmes
 PowerPoint: Debbie Warren
 Acolytes: Samantha Sipple and Eve Moran
 Organist / Choir Director: Randy Guiaya
 Praise Team: Matthew Sivertson

Youth Group: 10/29 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: Isla Holmes
 Thank you for providing snacks this Sunday!

Flowers are given in celebration of Grace Christiansen's birthday!



Happy Anniversary!
 Don & Ardis Scotvold Oct 28

Happy Birthday!
 Christopher Nickell Oct 29
 Sandra McElrath Oct 29
 Mary Jo DiRuscio Oct 31
 Jane Hamby Oct 31
 Grace Christiansen Oct 31
 Isla Holmes Nov 2

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!

Trunk or Treat! Sunday Oct 29th 5

-7PM

ALL are welcome to attend our Annual Trunk-or-Treat event, October 29th from 5- 7pm. We will have music, games, and a cakewalk. The "trunk or treating" will begin at 6:30pm. This is a free event, and everyone is invited. Start planning your non-scary costumes and get ready to have some fun!

The Flower Chart 2023!

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

1 **November open dates: Nov 19**

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

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

Men's Fellowship

Breakfast: Nov 4 at

8:00 AM All men are invited and breakfast will be served. Please contact Nick Grana for more information.

THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT:

This Week's Reading

Mark 8-12

Join us as we read through the New Testament in a year! Binders with study questions for each chapter are available; please contact the church office.

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.

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

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.



Prayers

Members - Long Term

- Lynn Burns
- Leslie Barr
- Shirley Kellison
- Sally Sauer
- Jeff Woody
- 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
- Bruce Kime
- Gary Tengelsen
- Dolores Vazquez

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, people in the Gaza area, ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pacifica Synod Bishop Dave Nagler, and our Pastor Jeffrey Nelson.

Friends and Family

- Magnus, Matt, Amrita & Arjun Dickerson
- 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
- Margie Murphy
- Brian Murphy
- Nolan Berner

Veterans Day Flag Ceremony

November 12, 2023

Immediately following the 9:30 service.

In preparation for this year's Veterans Day Flag ceremony, the Worship and Music Commission is seeking nominations from the congregation for family members that are Veterans. The Veteran will be recognized and receive the retired flag during the

ceremony.

If you would like to nominate your family member please provide the name; relation to you; and the nominee's title, branch of service, and how many years they served. Please email the information for the Veteran nominee to Vicki Linta, Vickilinta@gmail.com, no later than November 1, 2023.



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!