

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Heartbeats Weekly Updates For the Week: 2/11 - 2/17/2024

Weekly Calendar:

Events This Week:

- Feb 11** | *Transfiguration of Our Lord*
8:30 AM Choir Practice
8:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Adult Education
11:00 AM Confirmation
12:00 PM Worship and Music Commission
- Feb 14** | *Ash Wednesday*
12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
(informal: library)
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
(formal: worship center)
- Feb 15** | 1:00 PM Youth and Family Commission
- Feb 16** | *Carina on Vacation*

Note: Carina will be on vacation 2/21 - 2/23

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

Worship Assistants for February 11

Reader: Emily Bruhns
PowerPoint: Debbie Warren
Acolytes: Arianna Rodriguez and Jasmine Rodriguez
Organist / Choir Director: Randy Guiaya
Praise Team: Matthew Sivertson

The Flower Chart 2024!

The Flower Chart for 2024 is available for you to sign up for donating flowers for Sunday mornings.

Open March Dates: 3, 17, 24

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

Flowers are given by Nick and Sue in honor of David's birthday.



THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT:

This Week's Reading

Acts 22-26

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.

Adult Education

Sunday @10:45 AM Room 7

Grab your snacks and join us in Room 7. We're looking forward to meeting with everyone!

Wednesday Bible Study (on Hiatus till after Easter)

Wednesday Bible Study is paused until after Easter to allow people to participate in our Wednesday Soup Suppers and Lenten Services.

Happy Birthday!

Sondra Shanahan Feb 12

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

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members now is the time to designate your "Choice Dollars" from 2023! Deadline to designate is 3/31.

Snack Sign-Up: Youth and Family Commission

Thank you for providing snacks this Sunday!

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 Gaza and Israel, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop Pro Tem Michael Burk, Pacifica Synod Bishop Dave Nagler, and our Pastor Jeffrey Nelson.

LENT AT ST. ANDREW

Lent is quickly approaching! Please see below for the full list of our Lent and Holy Week Services!

2/14 Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Ash Wednesday (informal): held in the library

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday (formal): held in the worship center

On the following Wednesdays, we will be hosting Soup Suppers at 6:00 PM followed by the Lenten service at 6:45 PM.

Lenten Services

2/21: 6:00 PM Soup Supper (provided by Church Council)
6:45 PM Lenten Service

2/28: 6:00 PM Soup Supper (provided by Youth and Family & Worship and Music)
6:45 PM Lenten Service

3/6: 6:00 PM Soup Supper (provided by Congregational Care & Mission and Service)
6:45 PM Lenten Service

3/13: 6:00 PM Soup Supper (provided by Altar Guild)
6:45 PM Lenten Service

3/20: 6:00 PM Soup Supper (provided by Hospitality)
6:45 PM Lenten Service

We look forward to journeying Lent together.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

3/24: 9:30 AM Palm Sunday Service

10:30 AM Palm Sunday Breakfast

Maundy Thursday

3/28: 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday

3/29: 7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday

3/31: 9:30 AM Easter Sunday Service

Friends and Family

- Magnus, Matt, Amrita & Arjun Dickerson
- JoAnn Golden
- Family of Theresa Alcala
- Jim Shaw
- Ken Venegas
- Mike Hornback
- Paul Lowery
- Mr. Rubio and Family
- Pepe Isias

- Wendy Carrera
- Gary Tengelsen
- Jean Cugini
- Karen Depraect
- Annette Navarre
- Phil Gallego
- Arlene Gallego
- Ann Phelps
- Joe Lipps
- Dylan Lipps

Show your team spirit in our Souper Bowl soup competition

Ready for a little friendly competition? Who do you want to win Super Bowl LVIII – the **Kansas City Chiefs** or the **San Francisco 49ers**?



Root for your favorite team by placing a can of soup (or more) in the bucket in the entry labeled with the team of your choice.

The “competition” will run through Super Bowl Sunday, February 11. All soup collected will be donated to the Interfaith Food Center. Our soup collection will continue throughout February.

Prayers

Members

- Ken Christiansen
- Grace Christiansen
- Diane Fort-Woody
- Jon Woody
- Jennifer Oertel
- Margie Murphy
- Brian Murphy
- Cindy Berner
- Lynn Burns

Members - Long Term

- Chris Allen
- Christine Perez
- Leslie Barr
- Shirley Kellison
- Jeff Woody
- Jim Johnson
- Sharon Pollard

Friends and Family – Long Term

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

- Joyce Combes
- Katy Parker
- Bruce Adair
- Kenneth Jones
- Chavez Isais
- Robert Neal
- Dolores Vazquez
- Family and Friends of Martin Ramos
- Brandy Belcher

St. Andrew to sponsor two missionary families

St. Andrew has a long history of supporting missionaries across the globe. We will now be reviving that tradition, as your Church Council voted last month to fund two missionary families.

The first of those is Reverend Wal Luot Reat, an ELCA missionary who focuses on evangelism as he serves with South Sudanese in refugee camps in Ethiopia, South Sudan and bordering countries. Sudan's history of civil war, instability and violence has forced many people to flee their homes. As of June 2023, there were 2.3 million displaced people in South Sudan. Reverend Reat was born in Sudan and lived in refugee camps in Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya before resettling in the US in 1995. He and his wife, Nyakuich, have one son and three daughters.



The second of our missionary families is Joel and Lea, workers with World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) serving in Bangladesh. WMPL is an independent Lutheran mission society and prayer fellowship that sends missionaries to 20 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. The mission of the League is to evangelize and plant churches where Christ is unknown or little known and few global workers are serving, or where traditional workers cannot go. Joel teaches Bible, provides pastoral care, and equips congregations and leaders to reach out to their neighbors with the Good News. His wife, Lea, serves at Lutheran Aid to Medicine hospital in Bangladesh, and is dedicated to improving the health of mothers and children. She advocates for nurses and midwives throughout the region (via Nurses Christian Fellowship), and equips them to be competent and compassionate caregivers.

We will be sponsoring each missionary family for \$1,000 for 2024, and will be re-evaluating those relationships after one year. The sponsorships are being funded by our Thrivent Choice Dollars account. Thrivent Choice Dollars are dollars made available to eligible clients from Thrivent's charitable outreach funds. Our members who receive these funds have directed them to St. Andrew to be used where we feel they can make the best impact.

With our \$1,000 donation to Reverend Reat, we will be considered a "Covenant Congregation" with the ELCA, where, along with that financial support, we will commit to a promise of prayer and communications, receive regular updates from him, and have the opportunity to request a visit during his home assignment.

We thank our Thrivent members for making this effort possible!