THE SALT SHAKER

The St. Andrew's Lutheran Times from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND HAUNTED HOUSE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

CARNIVAL 5:00PM – 8:00PM

HAUNTED HOUSE: 6:00PM–8:00PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR FUN CARNIVAL GAMES, CRAFTS, CAKE WALK AND MORE!

THE HAUNTED HOUSE WILL BE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

JOIN US IF YOU DARE!

CARNIVAL: $5

HAUNTED HOUSE: $7 PER WALK-THROUGH

CARNIVAL & ONE HAUNTED HOUSE WALK-THROUGH: $10

FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

All proceeds from this event will benefit the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church youth ministries. Thank you for your support!

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - YOUTH

PreK - Elementary

SUNDAYS

Sunday School for preschool and elementary age children takes place at 10AM each Sunday. In addition, our nursery is open during our 8:30 and 10:00am Sunday worship services. Please drop off and sign-in your child in the Preschool building.

Please note that nursery and Sunday School are optional and ALL children are welcome in our worship spaces! Please make yourselves at home and use any toys, books or other tools found in our "Prayground" area in the back of the Community Center!

Middle School (6th-8th Graders)

Sunday School with Dana Wolf has resumed for the school year. (Sanctuary Narthex)

The Middle School Youth Gathering will take place November 6th-8th at Great Wolf Lodge! Open to 6th-8th graders. Friends are welcome. The theme is "Choose Your Own Faith Adventure!" They will have gatherings with worship and games, hotel nightlife and a day in the Water Park. (scholarships are available).

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sarah.

High School (St. Andrew's Lutheran Teens - SALT)

Carnival and Haunted House Prep will take place on October 28.

Our high school youth group (SALT) meets on Wednesday nights as a part of Wednesday Intergenerational Night (WIN)

Save the Date: The ELCA Youth Gathering will be taking place summer 2027 in Minneapolis, MN! Youth in 8th-12th grade will be eligible to attend this national gathering!
Multi-cultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the table pre-gatherings (for youth with disabilities): June 26-27, 2027
ELCA Youth Gathering: June 28-July 1, 2027
St. Andrew's Adventure (Includes canoeing, camping, and more!): July 2-5, 2027
Early Bird Registration is due October 18 (8th Graders).

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sarah.

A Word from our Preschool...

Our first month of preschool has been wonderful watching our children learn, play, make new friends, and settle into their classroom routines! 📚 ❤️

We are looking forward to one of our favorite fall traditions—our pumpkin patch field trip in October! 🎃 This year, we'll be visiting the Pumpkin Station at Rancho Bernardo Pumpkin Farm. The farm has so much for the children to enjoy, including a beautiful sunflower field where each child will have the opportunity to pick a sunflower! 🌻

We are also excited to welcome our new Patrick Henry High School student interns this month! The students will spend time in our classroom, gaining hands-on experience working with young children. We love having the opportunity to support these students as they explore the field of early childhood education! 📚 🧸

A big thank-you to everyone who donated through our Bee Donation Board and Amazon Wish List! 🐝 Your generosity helps provide the classroom supplies and materials our teachers and children use throughout the year, and we are so grateful for your continued support of our preschool.

We are also excited to begin a new fundraiser with Charleston Wrap starting October 1st. Charleston Wrap offers a variety of gift wrap, home décor, kitchen items, and other great products. It's a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on holiday shopping while supporting St. Andrew's Lutheran Preschool. *Scan the QR code to register to participate or visit: https://registercw.com/gateway?organizationMidasId=32109 (ID code is 32109).*

Thank you to our St. Andrew's family for continuing to support.
🍂 Wishing everyone a happy and blessed October! 🍂

Blessing of the Animals – NEW DATE

Blessing of the Animals has been rescheduled to November 14th due to extreme heat conditions.

Bring your pets to receive a special blessing during the 5pm worship service. The service will be outdoors in the courtyard.

Border Church

Everyone is invited to Border Church on Sundays at 1:30pm.

Worship at the border is open to everyone. Come as you are and join us for a transformative experience.

Please contact Pastor Manuel if you have questions

Council Corner - Highlights from their meeting held on September 8

A *recurring column brought to you by your fabulous, dedicated, and hard-working council members.*

Financially we are feeling positive about where we stand right now. Though we are still in the red by approximately $19,000, we have made tremendous progress with reducing this shortfall. In fact, we looked back at this time last year and we were much deeper in the hole. So, while we are not there yet, we still aim to end the year with a balanced budget. Your continued, consistent monthly offering goes a long way towards this goal, so thank you for your continued generous support. We had an initial discussion about next year's budget. The Finance Committee will begin to meet soon to start the process of putting together a budget for 2027.

The new Stewardship campaign will soon be announced and underway. Details will be rolled out very soon (if it's not already well known by the time you're reading this). That's all I say for now . . . but I know you can Imagine More!

Our Strategic Planning is still going strong. A task force has been created to look into what makes churches tick - websites, campus feel, etc. This is to determine how we at St. Andrew's can stay in the forefront as a welcoming church home as we encourage more people to visit and, perhaps, become new members. We continue to discuss and plan ways to encourage greater numbers of volunteers around the campus.

The small parking lot off Jackson looks great with its new sealed surface and clean parking space lines. If you haven't taken a peek, check it out.

Please contact us if you have questions or suggestions regarding something within our designated area. We're happy to help you and take a little of the heavy lift from our fabulous pastors.

Our next meeting is October 20th at 6:30pm on side B of the Community Center.

St. Andrew's 2026-2027 Council Members: Tracy Fox, Carole Huston, Lisa Bona, Kyle Tweet, Drew Smith, Jackie Wheatley, Dana Wolf, Steve Geitz, Sandra Yeaman, Rob Stabley.

Wednesday Intergenerational Night

W.I.N. is **W**ednesday **I**ntergenerational **N**ight, which happens most Wednesday nights during the school year. We gather for dinner, activities, fellowship and fun!

WIN Dinners:
October 7: Beef Stroganoff w/noodles, Salad & Bread
October 14: Chicken Tortilla Soup, Salad & Bread
October 21: Breakfast Bake and Sausage
October 28: Taco Salad and Nacho Bar

Dinner costs $5/person and is free for volunteers and children 5 and under!

If you have any questions, contact Kristin Hetrick at kristinh@standrewslutheran.church or (619) 251-4204

Seekers Book Group
4:00pm, Community Center - Side A

Tutoring with Nick
4:15pm, Community Center, Side B

Yoga
5:00pm, Sanctuary

Dinner
5:15pm, Community Center - Side B

Confirmation Instruction & Dinner
(grades 6-8)
5:30pm, Community Center - Side A

High School (SALT) 5:30pm,
Community Center Side A.

Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm, Sanctuary

Stewardship - Imagine More

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever (Ephesians 3:20-21).

This year for our Fall Stewardship Emphasis we are imagining more love, grace, community and joy in our lives. We are also striving to imagine more with God – whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). Our Fall Stewardship themes will begin appearing during the October 17 & 18 worship services and will continue each weekend. Please join us and let us imagine more together!

Stephen Ministry

The world says, “Take care of yourself.”
The Church says, “We care for you. How can we help?”
The world says, “Pull yourself up by your bootstraps. Asking for help shows weakness.”
The Church says, “Everyone needs help sometimes, and we, the Church, are here for each other. Asking for help is a brave and wise thing to do.”

Indicate interest on the Connection Card or talk with one of the pastors to find out more about requesting a Stephen Minister to walk with you through whatever is on your mind.
We are here to help.

Craft Fair

St. Andrew’s Crafters will be having their **Holiday Pop-Up Craft and Bake Sale** Saturday, October 24th and Sunday, October 25th in the Community Center. Halloween, Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas crafts, home decor, jewelry, homemade cards and more will be available. This will be the only sale this year so come and do your holiday shopping early.
All proceeds will benefit St. Andrew’s Lutheran Preschool Scholarship fund. We hope to see you all there. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Alexander at 619-592-0898. Let's show the preschool our support!

Volunteer Fair

St. Andrew’s Volunteer Fair will take place on October 17th and 18th following the 5pm Saturday worship service and between the 8:30am and 10:00am services on Sunday.

There are multiple volunteer opportunities that are available and need YOU!
Many positions have minimal commitment times.

Come chat with us! We’ll have FREE snacks and lots of fun givewaways. See you there!

God’s Work Our Hands – Thank You!

35+ volunteers built 60 hygiene kits for the Cupboard on 54th, tied knots for 16 Lutheran World Relief quilts, refreshed the narthex, and more. A group also cleaned up Friendship Park and wrote encouragement letters to those detained at Otay Mesa.
Thank you for being God's hands in our community!
— Dana Wolf, Social Outreach Council Member

Book and Bible Study Groups

Men's Group

The St. Andrew's Men's group meets weekly on Friday mornings from 8:00am to 9:00am for Bible Study in Pastor Manuel's office and on Zoom. Check the box on the Connection Card if you would like the zoom link.

Women's Group

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship will meet at Sue Teague's house on October 8 at 7:00pm. Zoom will also be available for Bible Study.

The St. Andrew's Women's group will meet at Jeannine Eddy's House on October 22 at 7:00pm for a game of BUNCO. Bring $5 to play.

All women of the congregation are welcome to attend. Contact Sue Teague at susanteague079@gmail.com for addresses of meeting locations or any questions.

Keenagers

Keenagers will be meeting on Thursday, October 8, at 11:30am in the Community Center. The program will be a chair yoga event that is led by Saige Walding. For lunch, kindly bring your favorite dish (main dish, salad, vegetable, dessert) to share. If you have any questions, please contact Max Persson at (973) 713-8113. Keenagers welcome all 55+ and friends. Sign up on the Connection Card if you plan to attend.

Adult Forum

The Adult Forum meets weekly on Sundays from 9:45am-10:45am in the sanctuary. They read books informing and enlightening us of Christ's message with a focus on ways we can implement it more effectively in our lives. They are currently reading "Separation between Church and Hate" by John Fugelsang. You can either share a copy in class or purchase your own. For more information, contact Dawn Miller at (619) 972-6440.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets weekly on Tuesdays from 10:00am-11:00am, with in person or on Zoom. They are reading "Daily Faith Practices" and will read and discuss a reading from the previous Sunday's worship service, based on the Revised Common Lectionary. For more information or to request the Zoom link, contact Meri Jo Petrivelli at merijop@standrewslutheran.church.

Seekers Book Group

The Seekers Book Group meets on Side A of the Community Center from 4:00pm-5:00pm on Wednesdays. If you have any questions, contact Carole Huston at sdprof50@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's Quilting & Crafting Ministries

Come join one of our many quilting and crafting groups here at St. Andrew's!
You can find more details, contact information and this month's schedule below.

Kay's Bags Ministry (aka Kay's Bags) will meet October 17th and 26th from 9:30am-12:00pm on Side A in the Community Center. They make sleeping bags for the unhoused and distribute them through TACO. *Questions contact: Alice Belknap (858) 945-2747*

LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Quilters will meet on October 12th from 10:00am-12:30pm to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts will be blessed and shipped in mid-October. Questions *Contact: Carol Edwards (619) 985-7962 or Alice Belknap (858) 945-2747*

Quilting 101 is a beginning quilting class that meets every Wednesday in the Community Center, Side A from 10:00am-3:00pm. If you have always wanted to learn to quilt, here is your chance! Simple patterns and plenty of instructions. If possible bring your sewing machine. *Questions Contact: Alice Belknap (858) 945-2747 or Carol Edwards (619) 985-7962*

St. Andrew's Prayer and Squares will meet Saturday, October 10th from 10:00am-1:30pm. New members are always welcome, no sewing experience is necessary. Join us for fellowship and salad bar. *Questions Contact Stephanie Alexander 619-592-0898.*

St. Andrew's Crafters will meet October 13th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. They are always looking for new crafters and fun new ideas and it's a great way to meet new friends! *Questions Contact: Stephanie Alexander (619) 592-0898*

St. Andrew's Prayerful Ministries

Here is a list of those we prayed for in September:

- **Healing & Recovery** for Kay Wenzel; Bob Geyer; Marilyn Duba, Reily (Lois Yahr's granddaughter)
- **Comfort & Peace** for Ann Holeman & her family (Friends of Enna Wallace); Julie Richards; Marion Vomhof & family; Jean Geyer; Family, friends & neighbors of the Voight family
- **Safe travel & productive visit** for Ed Wallace
- **Thanksgiving for the life** of Dorene Vomhof
- **Full recovery from surgery** for Pastor Manuel
- **Healing & pain relief** for Karen Young
- **Thanksgiving for** Marley Sherry's healing

To place a prayer on the prayer list, please contact Sara Hench at (619) 583-4702 Hench1@cox.net

Here are the Prayer Quilt Recipients for September:

- **Carol Gabielson and Robert Gabrielson** are mourning the loss of their father. Prayers are for peace and comfort.

- **Bob Finnin** (Valerie Macias' neighbor) suffered a brain bleed and has been in the hospital. He will soon be moved to a rehab faciltiy. Prayers are for healing so he can go home.

How to Request a Prayer Quilt:
Prayer quilt request forms can be found in the church office,
or online at the church website:
www.standrewslutheran.church

A special thank you to our Prayers & Squares group who gathers monthly to create these beautiful quilts that we are blessed to share with our congregation members, their friends and family, and people in our community, who are then able to wrap themselves in prayer. (If you would like to help create Prayer Quilts, you can find information on the Quilting Page of this Salt Shaker.)

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-12 noon

The submission deadline for the November Salt Shaker is October 15th. Typed articles with your name and phone number may be left in the church office. Articles must be 200 words or less and may be edited for space. Email submissions are preferred. Send them to: saltshaker@standrewslutheran.church

Reminders and Information:
Please remember to take a look at our Facebook page for the most up to date congregation information and what's happening here at St. Andrew's! If you are not receiving our weekly emails containing links, bulletins, and more, please call the church office at (619) 464-4211.

Don't forget to go to the **YouTube** channel (St. Andrew's Lutheran Church San Diego) for recorded worship services and all other recorded activities!

We are grateful for the financial support provided throughout the year. You can make a contribution via the offering plate, donation tab on our website, mail us a check, drop a check into our office mail slot, or use Venmo.

St. Andrew's Website:
standrewslutheran.church
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Our Mission:
"Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Word, Welcoming All, Serving Together"

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