



St. Andrew's News

Dear Members and Friends of St. Andrew's,

I remember well the day I decided to work toward giving a tithe to my church. I was attending St. Stephens's in downtown Portland, Oregon, back in the late 1980's and putting money in the plate on the Sundays I was present.

It was the fall stewardship season and one of the lay members, an elderly divorcee who lived on Social Security, spoke about why she tithed. Although she was divorced she helped take care of her ex-husband who was wheelchair bound. She also volunteered every Sunday to cook breakfast for both parishioners and the homeless people who lived under the freeway bridge in front of the church.

She spoke about having decided to tithe many years prior and found that her life had been continually blessed. As she mentioned some of the blessings in her life I found I was not the only person in the congregation that day with tears in my eyes. Right then I decided I would begin to pledge and eventually bring it up to a tithe.

I was reminded of this moment while reflecting on the tough economic times we are in these days. Some of you have found that your retirement income has dropped. Others of you have lost jobs. Perhaps your home is now worth less than what you owe on your mortgage. Others of you may have decided you need to postpone retirement by a few more years. There is probably no one in the parish who hasn't been affected.

And yet, it is in hard times that donations to churches tend to rise because churches provide their members a supportive community, churches help the poor, and churches offer hope to those in despair.

I encourage you to listen to the stories of your fellow parishioners who will speak about their spiritual journeys and why they pledge, and hope that you may be inspired as I was by that poor widow some 20 years ago.

Blessings on your journeys, *Lucie*

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Nogales
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Dates to Remember:

- Sat Nov 1 Barbeque
 - Tue Nov 4 Election
 - Thu Nov 6 Children's Clinic
 - Sat Nov 8 New Service Start
 - Wed Nov 12 Bread & Soup Inquirer's Group
 - Sat Nov 15 Altar Guild Workday
 - Sun Nov 16 Vestry Meeting
 - Mon Nov 17 ECW
 - Wed Nov 19 Preschool Program
 - Sun Nov 30 St. Andrew's Day Bishop Smith to visit
 - Thu Dec 4 Children's Clinic
 - Sun Dec 7 Wine & Cheese Among the Trees
 - Fri Dec 12 Women's Quiet Day at Santa Rita
 - Wed Dec 17 Holiday Concert
 - Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service
 - Thu Dec 25 Christmas Day
 - Wed Dec 31 New Year's Eve
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PAGINA EN ESPAÑOL

31 de octubre - PREPARACION PARA LA BARBACOA

1 de noviembre - LA QUINCUAGÉSIMA SEXTA BARBACOA. Se servirá la comida desde las 4:30 a las 7:30 de la tarde.

2 de noviembre - CELEBRAMOS TODOS LOS SANTOS

4 de noviembre - NO SE OLVIDEN A VOTAR.

6 de noviembre - CLINICA PARA NIÑOS todo el día.

8 de noviembre - SATURDAY NIGHT LIFE - Esto es un nuevo servicio en inglés a las 5:00 PM para los que no pueden asistir los domingo en la mañana

15 de noviembre - DIA DE TRABAJO DE LA COFRADIA DEL ALTAR - Invitamos a todos a ayudar en la preparación para la visita del obispo y de la estación de la Navidad. Comenzamos a las 9:30 y terminamos al mediodía con un almuerzo.

19 de noviembre - CONCIERTO DEL DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS DE LA PRE-ESCOLAR DE SAN ANDRÉS. Se venden boletos para una rifa con premios en efectivo. Favor de llamar a la oficina (281-1523) para comprar boletos o para obtener boletos para vender.

30 de noviembre - CELEBRACION DEL DIA DE SAN ANDRÉS CON EL OBISPO KIRK SMITH a las 10:00 AM

4. de diciembre - CLINICA PARA NIÑOS todo el día.

7 de diciembre - WINE AND CHEESE AMONG THE TREES (Vino y queso entre los arboles) de las 2 a 6 PM en la casa de Lou Clapper y Richard DeLong - Los fondos recaudados serán para la clínica de Niños San Andrés. Los boletos son \$15 para adultos y \$5 para niños.

15 de diciembre - Fecha para le **ENTREGA DE ARTICULOS PARA EL NEWSLETTER DE ENERO/ FEBRERO** - Solicitamos artículos en español o a personas que pueden traducir artículos de inglés a español.

17 de diciembre - SOUNDS OF THE SEASON - Desfrute una noche de música de la estación a las 7:00 pm, con el coro, el coro de campanas y solistas vocales e instrumentales, piano y órgano.

Servicios de la Navidad - miércoles, 24 de diciembre, 7:00 PM

jueves, 25 de diciembre, 10:00 AM



Junior Warden's Update, October 2008

On a windy day in June, a tree near the main entrance toppled over, damaging one of our handicapped parking signs. This tree has been dead for some time and I was able to move it to the back parking lot using my truck and nylon straps; and I replaced the post for the handicapped parking sign. I replaced a broken hymnal rack on the back of one of the chapel pews. On July 15 I called Unisource to request trimming of the tree branches interfering with the main power feed at the rear of the church. They had not appeared by Aug. 21, so I called again. I noticed on Aug. 28 the work had been completed.



The vestry approved a suggestion to install draperies behind the choir riser and behind the portal in the narthex to hide the storeroom from view. I purchased brackets and dowels and installed these in the storeroom to serve as drapery rods. These await decisions as to material. Luann Ahumada and Jean Moehlman have agreed to look into drapery fabric.

Considerable weed whacking was done in July and Aug. with the help of Michael Anderson and Josh Taylor. In particular, weeds were cut in the areas in front of the church just before the home tour on Sept. 6, 2008. On two occasions I pumped the fountain to remove stagnant rainwater. On a windy day in Aug., a ceiling vent in the bathroom of the preschool fell out of the duct. Luckily, no one was hurt. I was able to repair this by attaching the vent to the duct rather than to the bathroom ceiling, which was much too soft to hold the screws.

On Aug. 17, Jim Fitzsimmons mentioned that the ground exterior lights were once again not working and that in addition the church evaporative cooler was not working. Falshaws Electric was called to repair the circuit for the ground lights. They did so, but said that there was a problem with the romex wiring between the first and second ground lights and that we would have periodic problems until this is replaced.

Rio Rico Refrigeration was called to check out the swamp cooler. They found that the cooler motor was burned out. Roland Lusby of RRR replaced the motor and two 30-amp fuses located in the main cooler switch box in the utility room outside the ambulatory. The cost for this work was approximately \$800. On Sept. 2, 2008, Rio Rico Refrigeration was called again to provide an estimate for installation of an AC unit in the Sacristy. The climate in this room has long been problematic because there is no air circulation. Roland inspected the room and recommended a split unit heat pump capable of both cooling and heating. This was purchased and installed by RRR for a total cost of \$2850. A request for an advance from our diocesan loan to cover this expense was made on Sept. 3. By the time I returned from an RV trip on Sept. 23, the unit had been installed and the loan advance had been received.

I replaced the ballasts in two fluorescent fixtures, one in the kitchen clinic storeroom and one just over the stove in the kitchen. I cleaned the carpet in the nave along the seam that I cut in order to install the hearing aid loop. The carpet looks much better. I installed a reading light on the reader lectern. I located a small amplifier/speaker combination that can be used in conjunction with one of our microphones in the chapel. The microphone receiver will have to be moved each Sunday from behind the choir riser to the chapel, and back again following the 8AM service. I shut down the evaporative coolers

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56th Annual Barbecue, November 1st, is almost here

Last-minute preparations are being made for the 56th annual barbecue, Saturday, November 1, 4:30-7:30 p.m. If you haven't done so already, invite friends and neighbors, sell your tickets, and buy your own! This is always a fun fundraiser and great food. Rosalva Alatorre is again seasoning the meat and cooking the beans so you know you're in for a treat. If you have any questions or need more tickets, call Vicki Fitzsimmons at 625-4341.

Vicki Fitzsimmons

'Saturday Night Life'

Invite your friends to our new 5:00 pm Saturday Evening service

Thanks to the hard work of the TAG Team and a number of our musicians St. Andrew's is starting a new service with a modern format, created to provide a relaxed, informal opportunity to worship God. The service features traditional music in a contemporary style that will lift your spirit and soothe your soul.

If you have friends or co-workers who cannot come to church on Sunday mornings because they work, invite them to Saturday Night Life. If you know others who are ready to start a new stage in their life's journey, invite them to take the first step by joining us on Saturday evening for an hour with God. If you know someone seeking a way to brighten up their life, or deepen their spiritual journey, please invite them to join us on Saturday Night. You yourself might even accompany them the first time or two until they feel comfortable on their own.

A social hour directly following the service will give those who attend Saturday Night Life an opportunity to meet others who have come to participate in the St. Andrew's community.

Remember that one of the ways churches grow is by starting a new service. We hope that Saturday Night Life will help us grow St. Andrew's as we help newcomers grow in their spiritual journeys.

Junior Warden's Update (Continued from page 3)

for the winter. Finally, I worked on the room divider separating the chapel from the nave. If we can get the divider functioning, it may improve chapel acoustics and facilitate heating of the chapel in winter.

At Kate Hutson's request, I purchased 7 250-watt work lights to use in the tents during the ECW Faire. These cost approximately \$80.

Rev. Lucie told me that during some torrential downpours in September, there were a couple of small roof leaks. One of these was near the main entrance, and another was near a skylight in the kitchen. In addition there was some wetting of the slump block in her office and in the hall outside her office, where the wall meets the ceiling. Green Valley Roofing warranted their work, so if the leaks persist, we will call them.

Tasks yet to be addressed include installation of a sewer line connecting the church to the newly-installed city lateral line; surfacing of the parking lot; professional assessment of the heating system; installation of loud speakers in the chapel.

-Nick Kildahl

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW welcomes all the women of St. Andrew's to their meetings and programs. We usually meet on the third Monday of the month for a short business meeting, a pot luck salad lunch and either a program or fellowship.

Our next meeting will be at 1 1:30 AM, November 17, at Lynne Nelson's home in Rio Rico. Kathleen Vandervoet, a freelance writer in Santa Cruz County, will speak about life today in the east African country of Malawi. Her son spent two years as a volunteer with the Peace Corps there and is now working for the Clinton Foundation on HIV/AIDS issues. The Episcopal Church has made a priority of the Millennium Development Goals, or as someone has called them the "Gospel Goals," and Kathleen's talk will address most of these goals. Join us!

Our December meeting traditionally is a no-host Christmas luncheon at a local restaurant. This is always well attended and lots of fun. Stay tuned for the time and place.

Polly Hyde

Preschool Thanksgiving Program



St. Andrews Preschool & Childcare Center will have their annual Thanksgiving Program Wednesday November 19, 2008 at 6:30 P.m. The children will sing, dance, and recite poems. After the program there will be refreshment and the raffle will take place. There is no need to be present to win.

Please help support the preschool by buying raffle tickets
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Cynthia Bustamante

Arizona Choral Society Holiday Concert

Arizona Choral Society (ACS) is performing its Holiday Concert on Sunday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. at Catalina United Methodist Church, 2700 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any ACS member. Vicki Fitzsimmons of St. Andrew's is a member of ACS and will be performing in this concert. You may purchase tickets from her.

The program consists of Christmas choral music accompanied by an instrumental ensemble: *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *In terra pax* by Gerald Finzi, *The Many Moods of Christmas Suite 3* by Robert Shaw and Robert R. Bennett, *O Come All Ye Faithful* by John Rutter, and *Gloria* by John Rutter.

ACS is a multi-generational, southern Arizona choral group dedicated to excellence in singing and authentic performance of music. The conductor is Dr. Jonathan Ng, also Director of Sacred Music and Arts at Catalina United Methodist Church. Dr. Ng has appeared as orchestral and choral conductor for

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The Library Page

The library has acquired two new delightful children's books. They are written in both English and Spanish and are by the Nogales author Roni Capin Rivera-Ashford.

My Nana's Remedies (Los remedios de mi nana) is a replacement for a previous library copy which was never returned. It is the story of a grandmother who fixes traditional Mexican remedies for her little granddaughter's aches and pains. She mixes in a good bit of unconditional love with every remedy. The medicinal plants glossary in the back is very interesting while the illustrations bring the book to life.

Hip, Hip, Hooray, It's Monsoon Day! (Ajúa, Ya Llegó El Chubasco!) is the story of a grandfather, who helps his grandson understand how the Latino and indigenous cultures understood the monsoon season in our desert southwest. This book also has a glossary of terms and Spanish words to help the reader understand what the monsoon rains are and the desert creatures that are affected by it.

Another book new to the library is ***Mending the Heart*** by the Episcopal priest John Claypool. He examines the ways we are wounded by others, wounded by our own actions and by wounded by loss and how we can find healing. As the season of Advent comes closer, this little book might be helpful in preparing us for the coming of the Christ in our hearts.

Katerina Katsarka Whitley has written a book giving a voice to some of the women in the Bible. ***Speaking for Ourselves: Voices of Biblical Women*** is a collection of first person narratives by some well known and lesser known women of both the Old and New Testament. They provide insight and new perspectives into the stories they tell.

Polly Hyde

The Church Mouse



Watch for Advent and Church calendars in the Church Mouse in mid- to late November. We have a fine selection of greeting cards, gifts, and books—check us out! We continue to have *Just Coffee*, Arabica, decaffeinated, Robusta and in ground and beans. It would make a great hostess gift this holiday season; we have brochures explaining the *Just Coffee* story too.

The Church Mouse needs another person or two to help with Sunday sales. On-the-job training is provided. Please see Vicki Fitzsimmons or call (625-4341) or e-mail: vickifitz@cox.net.

Vicki Fitzsimmons

Arizona Choral Society (Continued from page 5)

various groups throughout the United States. He made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut in May 2007 with many of the current ACS members. He received his doctorate in Conducting with minors in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy and Music History and Literature from Indiana University. He received his master's degree in Conducting and Church Music from Westminster Choir College.

Vicki Fitzsimmons

New Office Copier



After months of reviewing our options, we have finally leased a new color copier. Yes, this is a color copier, but there are no immediate plans to print bulletins or newsletters in color. It is just nice to have that option as needed. Because there are several groups that share the use of our copier, we have implemented a code for each group. Members and friends that need to use the copier, may get the code from any staff member or call or email Joan in the office (281-1523) or standrewsaz@gwestoffice.net). Joan will also give personal lessons in how to use many of this copiers features. Just call.

“RENDER UNTO CAESAR...”

In the Gospel reading for October 19, the Pharisees asked Jesus “is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? They were trying to trick him. Jesus replies “render unto Caesar the things that are Caesars, and to God the things that are God.” In the sate of Arizona, you can avoid paying some of your state taxes, by donating the money to private schools, i.e. the Episcopal Schools foundation or Imago Dei Middle School. Each individual may donate up to \$500.00, or \$1000 per couple, and claim it as a TAX CREDIT. You can also claim it on your Federal Income Tax as a deduction, so you actually get more back than you donated! I am in the 28% bracket, so for every dollar Anne and I donate, we get \$1.28 back!! There’s a special state tax form you have to fill out- it’s a form 301. Your contribution must be made by Dec. 31. We will have the donation forms in the Narthex by December 1.

Since Anne's and my tax bill to the state is usually under \$1000, I generally do a rough calculation (based upon the previous year) around the 15th of December. I overpaid one year, and found out that the excess rolled over to the next year.

So you really cannot lose!!

UNFORTUNATELY the tax credit doesn't apply to St. Andrew's Preschool, since the law only applies to Kindergarten-12th Grade. We will, however gratefully accept any donation you care to make to the preschool — it's still a deduction!!

-Skip, Deacon

Bishop Smith will be with us St. Andrew's Day Nov. 30th

A great day for confirmation & reception of new members

Sunday, November 30, is the day we celebrate St. Andrew, our patron saint. Bishop Kirk Smith will celebrate and preach at 10:00 am. If you are interested in being received as a new member of the Episcopal Church, please speak with Rev. Lucie. The service will be a musical treat with bagpiper, choir and bell choir all participating. St. Andrew was one of Jesus' disciples who was known for bringing people to Jesus. He is the patron saint of Scotland. When the Episcopal Church broke away from the Church of England, the Scottish bishops offered to consecrate new bishops for our church without their having to swear allegiance to the king of England. Therefore you find many Episcopal churches named for St. Andrew in the US, including three in Arizona. - Lucie

Sounds of the Season Concert

The musicians of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invite "one and all" to an evening of holiday music. This event will be Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

Performing will be the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and individual soloists—vocal, instrumental, piano, and organ. Music selections will range from classical to seasonal fun AND—singing of favorite carols by "one and all."

This concert is free and open to the public. However, we encourage all, who are able, to bring a food donation which will be donated to the Borderland Food Bank.



Wine & Cheese to Benefit St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

The 19th annual Wine and Cheese Among the Trees, hosted by Nogales residents Lou Clapper and Richard DeLong to benefit St. Andrew's Children's Clinic Cleft Palate Fund will be held Sunday, December 7, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is non-denominational with its mission to provide medical treatment for disabled children of indigent parents in Mexico. This clinic is held the first Thursday of every month except hot July at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 969 W. Country Club Drive, Nogales. The volunteer doctors and specialists see between 200 and 250 children during clinic day. For more information regarding the clinic log on to www.standrewsclinic.org.

Enjoy four varieties of wine and about 10 different cheeses and several pates while viewing 20 to 25 distinctly decorated trees (mostly different each year) and numerous nativity scenes at the hosts' home, 781 N. Linda Vista Drive in Nogales. Non-alcoholic beverages also available.

Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, are available by calling Clapper and DeLong at (520) 287-5929, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic office in Green Valley located at 75 Calle De Las Tiendas, Suite #127B, phone (520) 648-3242, or Fr. Ed at St. Francis in Green Valley. Entire ticket price benefits the clinic as the hosts underwrite the costs.

ADVENT QUIET DAY at Santa Rita Abbey December 12th

Advent is a time of preparation for the Great Feast of Christmas. We want to offer the women of the parish a spiritual preparation as well as give you a chance to finish up those 'pesky' projects you need to have ready by Christmas. We offer you space, time and quiet company to do so.

Arrival and project set up time at Santa Rita is 9:30, Eucharist at 10:00, followed by time for projects and a potluck lunch. After lunch there will be more time for projects or a quiet walk in the area if that is what you need spiritually. We'll close with a time for reflection at 2:30. You will be on your way home by 3:00 at the latest.

We encourage carpooling from the church. Plan to meet at the church at 8:15 am.

- Sigrid Maitrejean and Rev. Lucie

Altar Guild Workday, November 15, 9 'til noon

The time is here again! We're scheduling a pre-Christmas season workday for Saturday, Nov 15 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. There will be jobs for all ages and all abilities, mostly indoors, some out. Lots of interesting things to do.

Men are invited to join the women for this work day. Lunch will follow.

-Sigrid Maitrejean

Become a member of the Usher/Greeter Lay Ministry Team

Thanks so much to all the faithful folks who regularly serve at the church entrance as ushers and greeters. These ministries are being combined this Fall, and several new folks have expressed interest in helping out. All who are serving and all who would like to will be getting emails or letters about the differences in these two ministries and also about a date for a brief training with Fr. Pat later in November. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of the welcoming team at St. Andrew's. It is a vital ministry, and we have enough people now that serving can be about once every two months in the winter. Please email or call me with your interest: Barbara Gray, gifts2standrews@cs.com, or 825-9877

Home Tour Thank You

Many thanks to all those who helped to make St. Andrew's First Home Tour a success! We sold about 200 tickets and brought in about \$4600 with part of the funds being matched by an anonymous donor. The raffle proceeds were matched also and checks of \$250 each have been sent to the St. Andrew's Preschool, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic, and Our House/Nuestra Casa Domestic Violence Shelter.

Vicki Fitzsimmons

Our House/Nuestra Casa Wish List

Our House/Nuestra Casa is the Domestic Violence Shelter for Santa Cruz County which the Vestry has voted to support. Most recently St. Andrew's gave \$250, a third of the proceeds from the Raffle at the Home Tour, to the shelter. Here is their most recent wish list: **Phone Cards** - these allow clients to contact family members and seek employment and housing outside the area of Nogales. **Wal-Mart Cards** - These allow clients to purchase clothing items such as under garments that are typically not available through donated clothing. **Gas Cards** - These allow the shelter to assist residents who have transportation but do not have money for gas to get to and from interviews or jobs.

Toys - Many of the children who come to the shelter come with nothing. Toys are very low on the priority list for moms who are fleeing domestic violence situations. Donated toys allow the shelter to give the children things to play with that they can take with them when they move to permanent housing. **Diapers/Baby Powder/Ointment/etc.** - We provide families with children in diapers any supplies that they need which they are not able to provide for themselves. You may leave donations with Joan at the office clearly marked for the shelter (so they don't get mixed in with clinic donations).

St. Andrew's Day, Advent and Christmas services

Advent is the beginning of the church year. It is a time to go inward and quiet ourselves as we prepare for the miracle of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here at St. Andrew's the normally 4 week season of Advent is shortened by the celebration of our Patron Saint, St. Andrew on the last weekend of November.

St. Andrew's Day

November 30th — St. Andrew's Day, celebration with Bishop Smith at 10:00 am only

Advent celebrations

November 7th — 2nd Sunday of Advent, celebration of Jesus' ancestors, Ruth and Jesse Tree

December 14th — 3rd Sunday of Advent, celebration of Juan the Baptist

December 21st — 4th Sunday of Advent, celebration of Mary and Joseph

Christmas Season

Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 pm — Christmas Eve Family Service with special music

Thursday, December 25th — 10:00 am — Christmas Day service

Sunday, December 28th — First Sunday after Christmas — Lessons and Carols at 10:00 am only

Sunday, January 4th — Second Sunday after Christmas— Visit of the Wise Men

Sunday, January 11th — The First Sunday after the Epiphany — The Baptism of Jesus with a baptism and a Birthday Party for Jesus at Coffee Hour

Church Office hours and Emergency Contact Numbers

Office email: The office is: standrewsaz@qwestoffice.net, Rev. Lucie is revlucie@qwestoffice.net, Deacon Skip is dcnskip@qwestoffice.net.



Office hours for Joan Jernigan are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Rev. Lucie is available by appointment at these and other times also on Tuesdays through Thursdays, and some Saturdays and Sundays. The office phone is 281-1523 and Fax is 281-1592.

Please note these emergency telephone numbers: Rev. Lucie: 281-8725 (home) and 604-6886 (cell); Jim Fitzsimmons, Sr. Warden: 625-4341 (home) and 400-4361 (cell); Nick Kildahl, Jr. Warden: 604-2553 (cell).

Snow Bird Reminder: Please let the office know when you change your address so that we can send the newsletter to the correct address.

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November Birthdays

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| 1 Pat Shriver | 4 Gladys Jones | 12 Clare Renoux | 21 Sarah Brown |
| 3 Suzie Marquis | 5 Irene Russell | 13 Paul Jehle | 21 Ken Briggs |
| 3 Jim Fitzsimmons | 6 Veronica Kraushaar | 14 Nanci Pottinger | 29 Chéri Hawes |
| 4 Alan Hyde | 8 Jesus Verdugo | 21 Dorothy Sturges | |

November Lay Readers (LR), Chalice Bearers (CB), Healing Team (HT), & Counters (C)

| <i>Date</i> | <i>8:00 service</i> | <i>10:00 service</i> | <i>10:00 service</i> |
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| Nov 2 | Karin Rodes (LR); Anne Vellom (HT) | Anne Jehle (LR); David Moehlman (CB) | Daniel Larsen (HT); Ken Briggs & Martha Zybko (C) |
| Nov 9 | Richard DeLong (LR); Lou Clapper (HT) | Alan Hyde (LR); Jean Windmiller (CB) | Anne Vellom (HT); Jean Windmiller (C) |
| Nov 16 | Todd Brown (LR); Karin Rodes (HT) | Brian MacKenzie (LR); Sigrid Maitrejean (CB) | Sara Cobb (HT); Deborah Tollefson & Joy Anderson (C) |
| Nov 23 | Lou Clapper (LR); Anne Vellom (HT) | Luann Ahumada (LR); Victoria Ahumada (CB) | Barbara Gray (HT); Mike Anderson & Ken Parkinson (C) |
| Nov 30 | Roxie Brown (LR); Lou Clapper (HT) | Victoria Ahumada (LR); Jim Fitzsimmons (CB) | Glenda Newman (HT); Art Whipple & Kate Hutson (C) |

November Coffee Hour, Flowers, & Greeters/Ushers

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i> | <i>Altar Flowers</i> | <i>Ushers/Greeters</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Nov 2 | Leftovers from Barbeque | Ed & Suzie Marquis | Jean Windmiller & Anne Jehle |
| Nov 9 | Martha Zybko & Sara Cobb | Pat & Barb Maitrejean in honor of their wedding anniversary. | Chuck & Lynne Nelson |
| Nov 16 | Georgia Conroy, Connie & Amy Boltjes | Pam & Ken Parkinson in honor of their wedding anniversary. | Ken Briggs & Kate Hutson |
| Nov 23 | Suzie Marquis & Kate Hutson | Polly & Alan Hyde in Thanksgiving. Jerry & Anna Shockey in honor of their 60th anniversary | Sara Cobb & Martha Zybko |
| Nov 30 | St. Andrew's Day potluck | No Flowers during advent | Karl & Maureen Friedmann |

Casa Blanca Chapel

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| Nov 8 | Mary Peace Douglas |
| Nov 22 | Jack & Helga Boggess |

Note: The Casa Blanca Chapel meets in the Community Room in the Santa Cruz County Building in Sonoita at 10:00 a.m.

December Birthdays

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| 1 Martha Zybko | 3 Catherine Landers | 5 Emily Wilson | 9 John Endersbe |
| 3 Carolyn Ruiz | 3 Lynn Nelson | 8 Edith Verdugo | 19 Paul Bond |

December Lay Readers (LR), Chalice Bearers (CB), Healing Team (HT), & Counters (C)

| <i>Date</i> | <i>8:00 service</i> | <i>10:00 service</i> | <i>10:00 service</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Dec 7 | Karin Rodes (LR); Karin Rodes (HT) | Marcia Clark (LR); Jean Windmiller (CB) | Cathryn Kildahl (HT); Ken Briggs & Toni Orozco (C) |
| Dec 14 | Richard DeLong (LR); Anne Vellom (HT) | Pam Parkinson (LR); Ken Parkinson (CB) | Daniel Larsen (HT); Martha Zybko & Jean Windmiller (C) |
| Dec 21 | Todd Brown (LR); Lou Clapper (HT) | Nick Kildahl (LR); Sigrid Maitrejean (CB) | Barbara Gray (HT); Joy Anderson (C) |
| Dec 24 | Lou Clapper (LR); | Alan Hyde (LR); Nick Kildahl (CB) | Cathryn Kildahl (HT); |
| Dec 28 | Roxie Brown (LR); | Luann Ahumada (LR); Jim Fitzsimmons (CB) | Daniel Larsen (HT); Ken Parkinson & Mike Anderson (C) |

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|-------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| Dec 7 | Barbara Laupmaris, Jean Windmiller & Anne Jehle | No Flowers during advent | Anne Jehle & Toni Orozco |
| Dec 14 | Marcia Clark & Bea Noe | No Flowers during advent | Buck & Marcia Clark |
| Dec 21 | Shirley Gresham & Cathryn Kildahl | No Flowers during advent | Ken & Pam Parkinson |
| Dec 24 | | Poinsettias—all invited to participate | Gabriela Verdugo & Sara Cobb |
| Dec 28 | Luann Ahumada | Poinsettias continue | Ed & Suzie Marquis |

Casa Blanca Chapel

Dec 13 Dorothy Sturges
No service on Dec. 27th

Note: The Casa Blanca Chapel meets in the Community Room in the Santa Cruz County Building in Sonoita at 10:00 a.m.

Deacons Return from Sabbatical

The two deacons returned from our two-month sabbatical the first Sunday in September. During our "vacation" we visited churches and immersed ourselves in nature. We are back, refreshed, and ready for another 19 years!

We visited 5 Arizona Episcopal churches in southern Arizona. We became very aware of the importance of welcoming the visitor! Of the five churches, one was pretty outstanding, three ranged from ok to mediocre, and one was unsatisfactory in this area. The outstanding church had a greeter at the door who asked our names, welcomed us, saw that we were seated, and then appeared again at coffee hour to introduce us to some other people. At the other end of the scale, the only persons who greeted us were the two priests, and we knew one of them from California. We were totally ignored at coffee hour, which was only attended by about 10 people out of a congregation of about 100. We came home with a real appreciation for the way St. Andrews welcomes the "stranger at our door"

Our connecting with nature started with a one-day hike in Ramsey Canyon to break in our new walking sticks. We discovered after a half a mile that hiking up hill to start means you get to "coast" down hill at the end!

We then took a three day trip to the Grand Canyon-we drove to Winslow, stayed overnight, then took the Grand Canyon Railway to the Grand Canyon, had a bus tour as part of the packet, then checked in to the hotel. The next morning we were free, so we took the shuttle along the rim, then boarded the train back to Winslow. Since we were not due till 5 pm, we took another night at the hotel, which was very expensive (about double the tour price). There are several cheaper hotels there if you decide to make the trip.

Our "big" trip was to Alaska via the Alaska Marine Highway Ferry from Bellingham, WA to Fairbanks, then a flight to Anchorage where we spent a week. The ferry trip was three nights in a very nice cabin. The ferry travels the inland waterway between the islands, is well equipped with a very good restaurant, a snack bar, a movie theatre, TV room, game room, and several lounges. In addition to the staterooms, there are areas for setting up tents, or just stretching out in sleeping bags. There are free showers and lockers for the passengers who are "roughing it". All in all there were about 450 passengers on the trip up, and about half that on the trip back.

While in Anchorage, we went to Denali Park for two nights. We took the daylong bus into the park, seeing lots of animals-grizzlies, wolves, caribou, moose, and elk-even a porcupine and a flock of ptarmigan. We saw the bottom half of Mt. McKinley, and possibly the North Peak through the clouds. We also went to a dinner theatre, which was a lot of fun.



The trip back we left from Skagway, which added one night. To the trip, which it was worth it. We stopped off at Sitka for about 3 hours, and hiked over to a creek where the salmon were running! We ended our trip with a two-day stay over in Edmunds WA with a priest friend of ours. We returned home refreshed, and ready to pick up our deacon duties.

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St. Andrew's Church, in fulfilling its mission, acts as a center for all parishioners and others through spiritual and social ministries in our community.

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