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## St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

### *Weekly Calendar at a Glance*

- Sunday Morning Worship – August 3 at 9:30 am - Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke
- ABQ Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsals resume on August 18
- New Mexico Peace Choir rehearsals paused for the summer
- Encantada Band rehearsals on Sunday at 3 pm
- Worship Choir rehearsals paused for the summer
- Stroke Club – Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the Adult C.E. Room

### **Governor Bent Elementary School Food Collection**

Governor Bent students will be returning to school in August and we will again be distributing weekend food bags to students. Please support this mission by helping us create a **'Mountain of Food'**. You may bring your donation on Sunday mornings (the first Sunday would be great so the 'mountain' is visible under the Communion Table) or any time during the week and leave it in the box labeled for Governor Bent. Please bring the following food items for the foodbags:

- Drinks: hot chocolate, juice boxes, small bottles of water
- Breakfast: breakfast bars, cold cereal, oatmeal
- Lunch/Dinner: chicken, mac & cheese boxes, mac & cheese individual servings, ramen noodles, ravioli, spaghetti cans, rice and pasta envelopes, soup large, soup small, tuna can, tuna pouch, vienna sausages
- Fruit: applesauce fruit cups
- Snacks: cookies, fruit rolls, fruit snacks, individual gold fish, graham crackers, granola bars, peanut butter bars, peanut butter individual cups, popcorn, pudding, ritz crackers, saltines, snack crackers.

Thank you!

### **Climate Crisis**

The latest report on the Rio Grande indicates that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 40 years, the Rio Grande is completely dry south of the I-40 bridge! We are still in a megadrought (more than 20 consecutive years of drought).

### **Hope Works, August 11**

We'll be looking for 8 of St. Andrew's famous chicken & rice casseroles & 8 dozen cookies/brownies. If you're willing to prepare a casserole or provide cookies, please contact Susan Copeland.

### **Higher Education Forum Saturday, August 16, 3:00-4:30**

The Trump administration's policies and actions have been described widely as an "attack" or "war" on higher education, aiming to reshape the role of the federal government in the sector and exert ideological control. Critics and analysts argue these actions destabilize financial aid, undermine research, and chill free expression on campuses. As the leader of this war told *The New York Times* earlier this year, "A medium- or long-term goal of mine is to figure out how to adjust the formula of finances from the federal government to the universities in a way that puts them in an existential terror."

He has, indeed, succeeded, and succeeded very quickly. This forum will bring together experts to discuss *why* this is happening, *how* it is happening, and the *implications* for higher education in the future. UNM representatives will talk about the effects locally while researchers from George Mason University will focus on Florida and Virginia, key states at the epicenter for this movement.

### **Lectionary Lunches**

Join Pastor Eric on Tuesdays at noon in the adult CE Room for an exploration of the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday. Bring your own lunch if you'd like!

### **Neighborhood Friends**

Thanks to all of you who stepped up and provided so many great clothes for our neighborhood friends. We are still in need of men's small and medium shirts and pants. And always in need of new socks, new underwear for both men and

women. Gently used shoes are also very needed. No dress shoes. No winter clothes. No animal fur. Many many thanks, Sharon Craig.

### **Historical Jesus Group**

The Historical Jesus Group **meets on the second and fourth Thursdays** of each month on Zoom. Join the conversation online using the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85866647913?pwd=ZmFUV2hiV25MZzFreU14TkluVFhOUT09>

### **Spiritual Formation Group**

Spiritual Formation group **meets on first and third Thursdays** at 10:00 am via Zoom. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85364229074?pwd=d2Z1RDhXZGN1ODNYRGQ3RlFhcjk2UT09>