

## October 21, 2022 Friday Flash

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we look forward to Consecration Sunday, we are reminded that we are made holy, sacred, in Jesus, through the work of the Holy Spirit. As we commit to our future giving, those gifts, too, are consecrated for God's mission in and through the work of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

And what is that work?

Council has met over the last year to discern how God is calling St. Andrew's to participate in God's mission in *THIS* time, and *THIS* place. We have listened to the congregation through the survey calls made last fall, listened for God's guidance through Bible study of the book of Acts, and listened for the leading of the Holy Spirit in prayer.

As a result of this work, Council has identified a **Vision Statement** for St. Andrew's in the coming year: **We Live in and Share God's Love with All.**

We will do this by living out St. Andrew's **Values**:

### **Faithful Service**

*Service to the local, national, and global community that abundantly shares God's love as the hands, feet, and open arms of Jesus.*

### **Unconditional Love**

*Striving to emulate and incarnate the open arms of Jesus Christ as he revealed God's love by embracing the broken, welcoming the outcast, and giving his life on the cross.*

### **Meaningful Worship**

*Worship focused on God, God's Word and sacraments, that invites genuine praise and meaningful encounter with God in Christ.*

### **Selfless Generosity**

*Sharing what God has first given us in ways that show the abundance of God's grace.*

### **Compassionate Care**

*Sharing God's love and care for family, friends, members, neighbors and the world.*

These values reflect the thoughts shared by those who participated in the survey calls and Council's discernment of God's leading toward the future. In addition, Council has drafted a strategic plan that outlines seven goals to shape St. Andrew's work over the next four years. The final version will be presented in the Annual Report for the congregation's consideration at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Please join me in thanking our dedicated Council members for their many additional hours of service as we have engaged this process. Their care and love for this community of faith was evident in their gift of time and careful discernment:

Dave Putz (President, EMF & Audit Liaison,  
Personnel Chair)  
Randy Sacco (Vice President, Pine Ridge and  
Tanzania Liaison, Mutual Ministry Chair)  
Janeen Christy (Secretary, Social Concerns Liaison)  
Janet Dixon (Treasurer, Stewardship and Finance  
Liaison)

Mary Johnson (Education Liaison)  
Lori Paulson (Fellowship Liaison)  
Stephen Loucks (Outreach Liaison)  
Nora Nelson (Property Liaison)  
Laurie Hoifeldt (Worship and Arts Liaison)

**So, let us Live in and Share God's Love with All in and through our many gifts as St. Andrew's Lutheran Church!**

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Sonja

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Service and Learning + Breakfast*, 9 am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, *Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & [Livestream](#)
  - If you have trouble with this link, go to [St. Andrew's YouTube Page](#)
  - [Last Week's Livestream Recording](#)
- Sunday, *Fellowship*, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Monday, *The Story Zoom*, 11 am Zoom
- Wednesday, *Faith Book Study Meeting*, 7 am, Hy-Vee West Market Grille
- Wednesday, *Choir*, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- Thursday, *Pine Ridge Donation Time*, 6-8 pm, Room 2 at St. Andrew's
- Friday, *Wine Down*, 6:30 pm, Mary Johnson's home (See announcement for address)
- *For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at [standrewsames.org/calendar/](http://standrewsames.org/calendar/)*

### Names for All Saints Sunday

Fill out a bulletin insert or email the office with names of those who have died or been born since November 2021 whom you would like honored on All Saints Sunday on November 6. Names will be printed in the bulletin that day. We will also have a candle lit for each person and read names aloud in worship. The deadline is Monday, October 31.

### Affirmation of Baptism Sunday, October 30 in Worship – Also Reformation Sunday, Wear RED!

Join us Sunday, October 30 as our three 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will affirm the promises of their baptism, surrounded by their community of faith. Please plan to attend to support these students in this next chapter of their faith life. We invite ALL to wear red as we celebrate Confirmation on Reformation Sunday!

### Wine Down Next Friday October 28

Due to the colder temperatures keeping us from visiting Snus Winery, Mary Johnson has opened her home to host our monthly Wine Down. Her address is 4730 Hemingway Dr. Ames, IA 50014. As always, please bring a favorite bottle of wine to share and snacks. If you'd rather bring soda or beer, that's fine.. This is a great opportunity to get to know others!

### Join in to Help and Connect: Fun and Fold Fridays

We are looking for a group of volunteers to meet on Fridays to help fold bulletins, stuff envelopes when needed, and have fellowship with coffee and friendly conversation! Individuals interested in an opportunity to serve and connect with other members should contact the office to participate in Fun and Fold Fridays!

### Help Supply Edwards Elementary with Classroom Snacks!

With the programming year and the school year both in full swing, we are again requesting YOUR help in supplying classroom snacks to Edwards Elementary. We are so excited to begin this program again, and request that snacks follow these guidelines: No Nuts, No Perishable Items, Little to No Mess! Some of our favorites include granola bars, cheese-based or other crackers, fruit snacks, and even applesauce. Please contact the office or Mary Johnson at [jsmjohnson36@msn.com](mailto:jsmjohnson36@msn.com) with any questions! Drop off donations on the Fellowship Hall donations table.

### Now Hiring: Business Manager

St. Andrew's has relied on the generosity of volunteers to handle the financial management of its business affairs (responsibilities in addition to the work of our accounting firm, Schnurr). See the full job description at [standrewsames.org](http://standrewsames.org) with instructions to apply, and encourage any qualified applicants to apply!

### Service N Learning Sunday Breakfast 9 am (All breakfasts provide juice, milk, and coffee!)

Please contact Miriam Moreno at [miriam@standrewsames.org](mailto:miriam@standrewsames.org) with any questions regarding the breakfast or with any allergies/food sensitivities if you plan to eat breakfast! We can accommodate most allergies or sensitivities if given a heads-up by Friday evening!

- October 30: Spooky Halloween Breakfast
- November 6: Assorted Muffins and Fruit

## **Service N Learning October 23, *The Story* - Chapter 5 “New Commands and a New Covenant”**

We continue our chronological overview of God’s great Biblical story this week. If you would like a copy of *The Story*, books are now available in the office during office hours. All are welcome to attend weekly sessions Thursdays on Zoom at 11 am or Sundays at 9:30 am; no need to register in advance. The following readings will be discussed on the each listed week.

- October 24-30: Chapter 6 “Wandering”
- October 31-November 7: Chapter 7 “The Battle Begins”

### **~NOTABLES~**

#### **Worship Assistants This Week (10/23/2022)**

Assisting Minister –  
Reader – **Margaret Sherve**  
Greeter – **Pat Thompson**  
Ushers – **John Kovar, Al Jergens**  
Communion Setup – **Kris Miles**  
Communion Servers – **Lynn Miller, Margaret Sherve**  
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**  
Fellowship – **Worship and Arts**

#### **Worship Assistants Next Week (10/30/2022)**

Assisting Minister –  
Reader – **John Kovar**  
Greeter – **Rollie Link**  
Ushers – **John and Carol Moran**  
Communion Setup – **John and Carol Moran**  
Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Carol Putz**  
Tech – **Kris Parsons**  
Fellowship – **Social Concerns**

#### **Happy October Anniversary**

Sam and Linda Houk (3), Jennie LeGates and Fritz Wehrenberg (10), Don and Monica Behning (15), Kris and Dan Parsons (25), Jon and Janeen Christy (26), Shirley and Philip Parsons (27)

#### **Happy October Birthday**

Molly Putz (7), Dan Anderson (8), Philip Dixon (8), Helen Gjerde (8), Harold Dorr (9), Lori Paulson (9), Sheryl Drury (9), Dean Janssen (10), Solveig Rice (13), Spencer Geisinger (14), Lowell Elwick (18), Sharon Prochnow (28), Richard Engen (30)

### **~PRAYERS~**

**Phil Parsons, Alice Thompson, Lowell Elwick, John Sherve** (brother of Margaret Sherve, battling cancer), **Annette (Thompson) Bodnar** (niece of Alice Thompson), **Anita Whitaker** (Mother of Sheri Krumm), **Troy Eagen** (Sharon Anderson’s son-in-law), **John Litzel, Libby Litzel Gull, Mark Ekeren** (brother of Sarah Buck), **Jane Ellis, Wayne Thompson** (brain tumor), **Marilyn Saunders** (Gene Pollmann’s sister), **Alice Becher** (Stephen Loucks’ mother), **Gene Takle, Lou Jordan** (Dagmar Frank’s cousin), **Nancy Owen** (Carol Putz’s cousin, battling cancer), **Roxanne Labandz** (niece of Alice Thompson), **Pat Fawcett, Kolleen Tweed Sogard** (daughter of Violet Tweed), **Robert Pollmann** (Gene Pollmann’s brother), **Mike & Kayla Endorf** (cousins of Dagmar Frank), **Joan Dubberke, Diane** (Carol Putz’s sister w/long COVID), **Lester & Alycia Carlsborg, Ben Buck, Stu Endorf** (Dagmar Frank’s cousin), **James Loritz** (nephew of Alice Thompson), **Karen Hardy** (Rita Peterson’s sister), **Susan Teas, Douglas John Putz** (brother of Dave Putz), the family of **Jim Bacino** (grandfather of Kyra Meyer), the family of **Marjorie Allison**, the family of **Don Ekstrom** (brother of Mary Johnson), the family of **Janet Bentley** (mother of Janet Dixon), the family of **Nathan Saetveit** (previous member).

For all those suffering from loneliness and grief, addiction and illness-both mental and physical, poverty and need, war and strife; we pray to the Lord to bless them and give them peace. We continue to pray for the health and needs of the people in the Ames Community, the Pine Ridge Reservation, the Hedaru and Agape Parishes in Tanzania, and all communities throughout the world.