

October 28, 2022 Friday Flash

Dear Beloved in Christ,

This Sunday we CELEBRATE! **We CELEBRATE our freedom in Jesus, consecrated through Holy Spirit we have been made holy and invited to participate in God's work in the world, to Live in and Share God's Love with ALL!** I am looking forward to celebrating together in worship and at our Consecration Sunday Luncheon all the ways God has been and will be at work in and through St. Andrew's Lutheran!

We CELEBRATE the **Reformation and the work of Martin Luther and the reformers to share the free and unfettered gift of grace** because of Christ!

We CELEBRATE the **Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) of Oren Geisinger, Sawyer Larson and Erik Rice** as they affirm the promises of their baptisms and enter a new stage in their journey of faith.

Last week I shared the Vision and Values Council has been at work developing in 2022. **On Sunday we will CELEBRATE the consecration of our planned giving for 2023** that will support the work of the staff, committees, and Council as we continue to live out St. Andrew's vision and find new ways to live into our values of Faithful Service, Unconditional Love, Meaningful Worship, Selfless Generosity, and Compassionate Care.

One way St. Andrew's has continued its **commitment to Selfless Generosity is through the Extended Ministries Fund Scholarships**. This year the fund provided SIX \$750 scholarships to recipients. This fall's recipients were: *Alex Kovar, Andrew Kovar, Kaija Rice, Annika Rice, Abby Frescoln, and Molly Putz*. In the case of Kaija and Annika, Luther's EPIC program matched the scholarship. **Please check out the attached PDF with pictures of each of these scholarship recipients as we continue to follow and support them in their post-secondary education journeys!**

The offering of scholarships each year is based on interest and availability of funds - funds that are generated through donations. If you would like to support this effort, a check can be sent to the church office with "EMF – Scholarships" in the memo line. **Many thanks to those who have contributed over the years.** It's another way St. Andrew's supports the growth of our youth.

The Extended Ministries Fund Committee is responsible for working with donors to utilize funds given as memorials and other gifts given to St. Andrew's. The committee receives requests for moneys from these gifts, primarily for non-budgeted items that promote and extend the ministries of St. Andrew's. These gifts include designations directed toward specific aspects of the ministry, undesignated gifts received with no stipulations, and college scholarships. The committee also manages St. Andrew's Lutheran Endowment Fund. Each year, St. Andrew's may withdraw up to 5% of the end-of-year Endowment balance to be used for non-budgeted items that will promote and extend the ministries of St. Andrew's.

EMF Committee Members include: Lynn Miller (chair), David Putz, Pat Fawcett, Pauline Miller, and Miriam Takle. **Many thanks to these committee members for their faithful stewardship of these funds!**

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday and CELEBRATING together as we Live in and Share God's Love with All!

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, *Consecration Sunday Luncheon*, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, *Faith Book Study Meeting*, 7 am, Hy-Vee West Market Grille

Wednesday, *Choir*, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, *The Story Zoom*, 11 am, Zoom ([October 27 Zoom Recording available here.](#))

Thursday, *Pine Ridge Donation Time*, 6-8 pm, Room 2 at St. Andrew's

For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at standrewsames.org/calendar/

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

Join us Sunday, October 30 as our three 9th 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!

Help Needed for Luncheon, October 30

We are in need of individuals to help clean up after our catered luncheon on Sunday! Please contact Lori Paulson or JoAnn Kovar if you would like to help.

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.

Help Supply Edwards Elementary with Classroom Snacks!

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 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 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 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!

- November 6: Assorted Muffins and Fruit
- November 13: Breakfast Tacos

Service N Learning October 30, *The Story* - Chapter 6 "Wandering"

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 each listed week.

- October 31-November 6: Chapter 7 "The Battle Begins"
- November 7-November 13: Chapter 8 "A Few Good Men... and Women"

ELCA Climate Crisis Message Now Open for Comments!

What is a faithful Lutheran response to Earth's changing climate and worsening natural disasters? How do we think about this crisis as people of faith, and what are we called to do?

After hearing requests from across the church for guidance, the ELCA Church Council in November 2021 authorized development of a social message on climate care. Social messages are ELCA social teaching documents on specific social topics; these documents shape ELCA policy and help members discern how to respond to an issue.

A draft of the social message "Earth's Climate Crisis" is now posted for public comment! Feedback of this kind helps the drafters know how the document could be more clear, helpful and faithfully Lutheran. Please [read the social message draft](#) and [use this survey](#) to share your input by **Friday, Dec. 2**. Questions or longer responses can be emailed to draftsocialmessage@elca.org.

~NOTABLES~

Worship Assistants This Week (10/30/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Hoifeldt**

Reader – **John Kovar**

Greeter – **Pat Thompson**

Ushers – **John and Carol Moran**

Communion Setup – **John and Carol Moran**

Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Carol Putz**

Tech – **Kris Parsons**

Fellowship – **Social Concerns**

Worship Assistants Next Week (11/06/2022)

Assisting Minister –

Reader – **Jennie LeGates**

Greeter – **Betty Beard**

Ushers – **John and Carol Moran**

Communion Setup – **John and Carol Moran**

Communion Servers – **Lynn Miller, Margaret Sherve**

Tech – **Don Behning**

Fellowship – **Fellowship**

Happy November Anniversary

Pastor Sonja and Scott Gerstenberger (1), John and Carol Moran (19), Sharon and Richard Olson (29)

Happy November Birthday

Richard Engen (10/30), Gayle Osterberg (2), Sharon Anderson (3), McKenzie Geisinger (3), Ruth Shreve (4), Laurie Hoifeldt (15), Rosemary Nelson (19), Pauline Miller (22), Sam Houk (23), Anna Mae Wolc (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.

EXTENDED MINISTRY FUND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

As was done last year, the Extended Ministries Fund (EMF) Committee offered college bound youth an opportunity to apply for a scholarship. The invitation went out early summer this year and six individuals sent in letters expressing interest. After a review of the letters and available funds, the EMF Committee offered \$750 to each of the applicants.

Fall 2022 Recipients

Alex Kovar
Andrew Kovar
Kaija Rice
Annika Rice
Abby Frescoln
Molly Putz

In the case of Kaija and Annika, Luther's EPIC program matched the scholarship.

Each was asked to send a photo of themselves connected in some way to their college experience. It's nice to see their journeys as they continue on with their education.

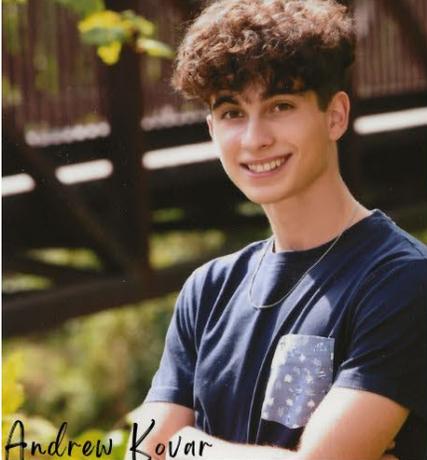
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EMF Committee



Abby Frescoln



Andrew Kovar

Congrats
Recipients!



Alex Kovar



Kaiya and Annika Rice



Molly Patz