

DECEMBER 30, 2022 FRIDAY FLASH

Pastor's Note:

As we look to 2023, I will be taking time off until January 2 to spend with my family. I wish you a Happy New Year, and I look forward to digging in when I return January 3 as we continue to *Live in and Share God's Love with ALL* as St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Worship Service*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary & [Livestream](#)
 - If you have trouble with this link, go to [St. Andrew's YouTube Page](#)
 - [Last Week's Livestream Recording](#)
- Monday, *Office Closed for New Year's Day (Observed)*
- Wednesday, *Faith Book Study Meeting*, 7 am, Hy-Vee West Market Grille
- Wednesday, *Gather Bible Study*, 5:30-7 pm, Zoom (See Announcement)
- Wednesday, *St. Andrew's Choir Rehearsal*, 7-9 pm, Sanctuary
- Thursday, *The Story Zoom*, 11 am, Zoom
- Thursday, *St. Andrew's Night at Food at First*, 5:20-7:30 pm, First Christian Church in Ames
- 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/*

Annual Meeting January 29, 12 pm

We will have the Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on Sunday January 29, 2023 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. The St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Council has approved this meeting date. Fellowship will host a brunch after the church service prior to the annual meeting.

Note pursuant to our current Constitution section C16.04, we are informing the congregation that, during the Annual Meeting, that there will be a ballot vote on the adoption of a new Constitution and By-Laws which follows the *Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)* as was adopted by all churchwide assemblies, including the sixteenth Churchwide Assembly in 2022. The St. Andrew's Lutheran Council has reviewed and approved the document.

**C16.04. This constitution may be amended to bring any section into conformity with a section or sections, either required or not required, of the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as most recently amended by the Churchwide Assembly. Such amendments may be approved by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any legally called meeting of the congregation without presentation at a prior meeting of the congregation, provided that the Congregation Council has submitted by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, notice to the congregation of such an amendment or amendments, together with the council's recommendations, at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Upon the request of at least two (2) voting members of the congregation, the Congregation Council shall submit such notice. Following the adoption of an amendment, the secretary of the congregation shall submit a copy thereof to the synod. Such provisions shall become effective immediately following a vote of approval.*

A copy of the new Constitution and By-Laws was mailed out to the congregation this week and we are making hard copies available in the church this Sunday and next Sunday.

Informational meetings on the *Model Constitution and By-Laws* with the congregation will take place on Sunday, January 8, 2023 (in-person) at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall and on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:30pm via Zoom: Time: Jan 10, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada) [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 827 5616 0059 **Passcode:** 422563 **Dial In:** 646 931 3860

Gather Bible Study January 4, 5:30 pm

Pastor Sonja will offer a Bible Study based on the Bold Café Topic: "That Me- God's Beloved" on January 4, 5:30 pm via zoom. You can pick up a pdf copy on the Narthex Table on Sunday or find the post [here](#).
Login Details for the Zoom: **Meeting ID:** 838 6834 7151 **Passcode:** 318283 **Dial In:** 312 626 6799

Welcome Session January 8, 11:45 am

Pastor Sonja will hold a Welcome Session on January 8 at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Individuals who want to learn more about being a part of (or reconnect with) St. Andrew's Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend. We will talk about: opportunities to get involved and get to know others at St. Andrew's; current ministries; hopes and dreams for the future; basics of faith, worship, the Bible; and grace from a Lutheran perspective. Pastor Sonja will have a packet of information for each participant, so *please RSVP by signing up on the sheet on the Narthex table or contact Pastor Sonja*.

New St. Andrew's Pictorial Directory - Coordinator Needed

Much has changed since St. Andrew's last pictorial directory was compiled. Work is underway to create a new directory for publication in 2023, and we are utilizing the web application used previously. This allows us to upload photos and contacts, lay out the directory, and print on demand, so it can be updated frequently for new printing.

Miriam Moreno, our office administrator, will coordinate the assembly and layout; we just need a dedicated volunteer to follow up with those from whom we need updated information. If contacting folks and encouraging them to submit a photo and contact information in a timely manner is your gift, please contact Miriam at office@standrewsames.org. Stay tuned for requests for photo/information submission!

2023 Offering Envelopes

Boxes of these envelopes are backordered until February due to the vendor's problems with production equipment and lack of employees. When they arrive, the boxes will be put on the Narthex table. It is not necessary to put your offering in any envelope but the Stewardship & Finance Committee realizes that some members prefer them, so we order a few boxes each year. Donors giving cash and wanting their donation to be recorded on their end-of-year contribution statement should always use an envelope of some kind with your name and address (if not known by the church). Please direct any questions to Linda Seaverson.

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 food sensitivities if you plan to eat breakfast! We can accommodate most requests if given a heads-up by Friday evening!

- January 1: No Breakfast
- January 8: Savory Breakfast Casserole

Service N Learning January 1: No Service N Learning

We continue our chronological overview of God's great Biblical story this week. 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 listed week.

- January 2-8: A Kingdom Torn in Two
- January 9-15: God's Messengers

Now Hiring: Organist

Spread the word! St. Andrew's is on the search for an organist able to lead music in worship every other week and work with Connie, Steve Hoifeldt, and Pastor Sonja to plan and lead liturgical worship services throughout the year. Please visit standrewsames.org for more information.

~NOTABLES~

Worship Assistants This Week (1/1/2023)

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**

Reader –

Greeter – **Nora Nelson**

Ushers – **John Kovar, Al Jergens**

Communion Setup –

Communion Servers – **Glynn Frank, Jon Christy**

Tech – **Bruce Boeke**

Fellowship – **No Fellowship**

Worship Assistants Next Week (1/8/2023)

Assisting Minister –

Reader –

Greeter – **Rollie Link**

Ushers –

Communion Setup –

Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Lynn Miller**

Tech – **Don Behning**

Fellowship – **Outreach**

Happy January Anniversary

Max and Miriam Moreno (3), Linda Seaverson and John McClelland (10)

Happy December Birthday

Judy Denato (2), Sharon Olson (4), Nora Nelson (19), Laura Van Vertloo (21), Jan Warwick (22), Linda Seaverson (23), Oren Geisinger IV (25), Eugene Takle (25), Kris Parsons (26), Sharon Mott (29)

~PRAYERS~

Tiah Bowie and Family (Sister/family of Finis Jones), **Marvin Hitchings** (Nora Nelson's Husband), **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), **Wayne Thompson** (brain tumor), **Marilyn Saunders** (Gene Pollmann's sister), **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), **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 **Don Ekstrom** (brother of Mary Johnson), the family of **Janet Bentley** (mother of Janet Dixon), the family of **Nathan Saetveit** (previous member), family of **Anne Buck** (Sister-in-Law of Sarah and Ben Buck), the family of **Richard Doyle** (father of Monica Behning), the family of **Jane Ellis** (Pat Fawcett's Sister), and the family of **Lester Carlsborg**.

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.