

~~~Welcome to the Friday Flash for October 31, 2021~~~

~WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Greetings! **This weekend we will celebrate Commitment Sunday**, the culmination of our Stewardship Campaign, *Baptized and set free*. This week, we considered the baptismal promise to “Engage the Good News working for Justice and Peace.” You can check out this week’s stewardship video on [Facebook here](#) or on [YouTube here](#). We will also have it playing on the Narthex TV this week. Watch as voices from the St. Andrew’s faith community describe the ways they have engaged the Good News working for Justice and Peace at St. Andrew’s.

Please remember to **bring your Time and Talent sheets and Pledge cards to worship this Sunday** and either place them in the box on the narthex table or the basket in the front of the sanctuary during communion. **The Time and Talent Sheet and Pledge card are attached to this email** for you to print or copies are available on the Narthex table if you need them.

We are also welcoming six new members during worship this week! **Please wear your nametags on Sunday (or make yourself one at the Welcome table) as we extend welcome and hospitality.** We thank God for the unique gifts each brings to the life of St. Andrews and look forward to learning and growing together as we live out our faith in Jesus.

**Plan to join us for a luncheon after worship on October 31 as we welcome New Members and celebrate Commitment Sunday of our Stewardship Campaign.**

Grace & Peace  
Pastor Sonja

*Pastor Sonja’s Fall Office hours are: Tuesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Office Hours are times you can generally come and Pastor is here and available for a drop-in visit. Pastor’s day off is Friday. If you wish to schedule a time outside of office hours, you are invited to contact the church office to arrange an appointment.*

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

**Commitment Sunday on October 31**

You are invited to consider how you will offer your gifts of time, talent, and financial resources in the coming year. You may bring your completed Time and Talent sheets and Pledge Cards to the front during communion and place them in the basket. Or, place them in the box labeled Stewardship Campaign on the table in the narthex (entryway). Thank you for your support of St. Andrew’s mission and ministry. We look forward to discovering all the ways we are “Baptized and set free” in 2022.

### **All Saints Sunday Remembrances**

Please fill out the form inserted in your bulletin if you wish to have someone remembered on All Saints Sunday, November 7. They do not have to be congregation members; they can be anyone in your life. There will be a basket in the narthex to collect the sheets. If you can't make it to in-person services, you can email your remembrances to [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org). Please make sure to specify which are born and which have died so they get listed properly.

### **Sunday, October 31, Join in Celebration Luncheon**

#### ***Stewardship Commitment Sunday***

We will CELEBRATE abundance **Sunday, October 31 on Commitment Sunday** as we encourage you to turn in your pledge cards and time and talent sheets as we round out the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church fall Stewardship Campaign: *Baptized and set free.*

#### ***Welcome New Members***

We will ALSO **celebrate and welcome new members in worship October 31**. Following worship, please **join in a luncheon to celebrate the Stewardship Campaign and welcome our new members.**

#### **Wear Red for Reformation**

**October 31 is also Reformation Sunday.** We remember the work of Martin Luther and the many reformers that paved the way for an understanding of grace as pure gift from God in Jesus. costly? – YES, but nothing that can be earned by merit or good works. The liturgical paraments will be red, and you are invited to **WEAR RED to celebrate how God is at working constantly making things new** (reforming) us, the work to which we are called as Church, and our understanding of God's work in the world.

#### **Help Needed - New Member and Stewardship Commitment Lunch October 31**

The Fellowship Team of 3 people needs helpful hands on October 31 for the lunch after church. It will be a joyful occasion and we hope everyone is planning to come! Several helpers are needed in the dining room serving and assisting in the kitchen and cleanup. Please contact Gayle Osterberg directly if you can help - 515-451-3064 and leave a message or text, or [email osterberggayle@gmail.com](mailto:osterberggayle@gmail.com). Thank you so much!

#### **St. Andrew's Giving Garden – Thanks to ALL Who Participated, Stay Tuned for 2022**

Thank you to participants in the Saint Andrew's Giving Garden project supporting Story County Plant-a-Row for the Hungry in 2021, which officially wrapped up its season last weekend. This summer, volunteers from churches, community gardens, and home gardens grew and donated 12,836 pounds of fresh produce, which were distributed to Story County neighbors in need. Since its inception in 2004, this program has distributed over 125,000 pounds of fresh produce in Story County.

If you would like to participate in planning discussions for our 2022 SALC Giving Garden program, please indicate so on your time and talent sheet or contact Janeen Christy at [janeen.christy70@gmail.com](mailto:janeen.christy70@gmail.com).

### ~MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES~

#### **Pine Ridge October Donations and November New Donation Days**

Please contact Almira Uemura 515-708-1617 for appointments to donate through October. Starting in November, there will be an additional donation time – Thursdays from 6-8pm. If you have questions about this new time, please leave a message for Kris Parsons at 515-231-9318.

#### **Edwards School Needs Snacks**

St. Andrew's partners with Edward's Elementary to provide treats for classroom birthdays. You can bring snacks for Edwards School to St. Andrew's between 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays to drop off or on Sundays before/after worship on the table just inside the entrance of Fellowship Hall. The kids at Edwards Elementary thank you!

#### **Help Provide Hospitality and Welcome: Seeking Fellowship Committee Volunteers**

The St. Andrew's Fellowship Committee is looking for additional members to help plan fellowship events to provide hospitality and welcome to all. Fellowship coordinates coffee hour after worship, funeral luncheons, and special meals. If you feel a nudge to get involved, please contact the church office at [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org), or committee chairs Gayle Osterberg [osterberggayle@gmail.com](mailto:osterberggayle@gmail.com) and JoAnn Kovar [joannkovar31@gmail.com](mailto:joannkovar31@gmail.com).

#### **Be a worship volunteer! It's fun and easy!**

You are invited to consider how you may feel led to use your gifts in worship. The following volunteers are currently needed each week: Assisting Minister, Reader, Greeters, Ushers, Communion Setup, Communion Servers. You can see the volunteer needs and sign up at [www.standrewsames.org/worship](http://www.standrewsames.org/worship), or call the church office at 515-292-2131.

#### **Love Singing? Choir Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

Come one and all! Director Steve Hoifeldt has a wonderful selection of music planned to enhance worship through choral music. Come to the sanctuary at 7 p.m. and join in the fun. Masks required. Questions? Contact [shoifeldt@standrewsames.org](mailto:shoifeldt@standrewsames.org).

### ~YOUTH~

#### **Confirmation Monthly Event - November 7, 11:30 a.m.**

Our first monthly confirmation meeting! Meet in the youth room after church (around 11:30). We will head out to lunch together. No need to send money with your youth, these meetings are

covered. Parents, if you could stick around for just a minute so we can be sure we are good on rides, that would be awesome. We're looking forward to this! Let Kaitlyn and Blythe know if you have any questions ([serviceandlearning@standrewsames.org](mailto:serviceandlearning@standrewsames.org)).

### **Confirmation Retreat January 14-16 - Registration Deadline November 7**

We will be attending a confirmation retreat with the rest of our synod at Ewalu Lutheran camp in January. This retreat will likely sell out so we need to go ahead and get our registration taken care of. Please return your registration form to Blythe by November 7. Registration forms were attached to the weekly youth email. If you need a copy, contact Kaitlyn and Blythe at [serviceandlearning@standrewsames.org](mailto:serviceandlearning@standrewsames.org). There is no registration fee for this event.

### **Service and Learning Hour, Sundays at 9 a.m.**

You have probably seen by now that Sunday School has merged with adult forum for an intergenerational program called Service and Learning. We gather each week at 9 a.m. to share breakfast, learn about a fundamental of faith life, hear about a local, national or international service effort, and apply our learning in service in the world! This program is led by both Blythe and Pastor Sonja and we are excited about everything we have coming up for this semester! We think you'll really like it!

### **~NOTEABLES~**

#### **Happy Anniversary to**

Jennie LeGates & Fritz Wehrenberg (October 10th), Don & Monica Behning (October 15th), Dan & Kris Parsons (October 25th), Jon & Janeen Christy (October 26<sup>th</sup>), Phil & Shirley Parsons (October 27th).

#### **Happy October Birthday to**

Molly Putz (7th), Philip Dixon (8th), Daniel Andersen (8th), Helen Gjerde (8th), Harold Dorr (9<sup>th</sup>), Lori Paulson (9<sup>th</sup>), Sheryl Drury (9<sup>th</sup>), Dean Janssen (10<sup>th</sup>), Solveig Rice (13<sup>th</sup>), Spencer Geisinger (14th), Lowell Elwick (18th), Daniel Parsons (21<sup>st</sup>), Sharon Prochnow (28<sup>th</sup>), Richard Engen (30<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Worship Assistants This Week (10/31/2021)**

Assisting Minister – **Amanda Kress**

Reader – **John Kovar**

Greeters – **Sharon Mott**

Ushers – **John Kovar**

Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**

Communion Servers-

Tech – **Don Behning**

Fellowship – **New Member and Stewardship Luncheon**

**Worship Assistants Next Week (11/7/21)**

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**

Reader –

Greeters – **Pat Thompson**

Ushers –

Communion Setup –

Communion Servers- **Jon Christy**

Tech – **Don Behning**

Fellowship – **Fellowship**

**~PRAYERS~**

**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), **Marjorie Allison**, **Gene Takle**, **Lou Jordan** (Dagmar Frank's cousin), **Nancy Owen** (Carol Putz's cousin, battling cancer), **Susan** (Glynn & Dagmar Frank's daughter), **Roxanne Labandz** (niece of Alice Thompson), **Pat Fawcett**, **Kolleen Tweed Sogard** (daughter of Violet & Maynard Tweed), **Robert Pollmann** (Gene Pollmann's brother), **Harlan Baker**, **Stuart** (cousin of Dagmar Frank), **Forrest & Joan Dubberke**, the family of **Jan Rutledge**.

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, of Pine Ridge Reservation, and of the Hedaru Parish in Tanzania and all communities throughout the world.

Please send any announcements, prayers, or updates to the office at [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org) or call 515-292-2131.