

~FRIDAY FLASH~ May 13, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- ❖ Sunday, *Service & Learning*, 9 am, Fellowship Hall and [Zoom](#)
- ❖ Sunday, *Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- ❖ Thursday, *Saving Suds*, 4 pm, Squeaky Clean Laundromat

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Last week I mentioned that this summer I will invite you to participate in some spiritual rituals in worship to help us process the loss and grief we have experienced during covid and the transitions of the last few years. This will be a time of intentional rest and reflection as we prepare for the future and the new life God is at work bringing about.

Spring brings new life – in nature, in flowers and trees – after the fallow season of winter. I invite you to consider what things have gone through a fallow season during covid or the prior years that might be coming to an end. What grief do you hold in letting them go? How might we, as St. Andrew's Lutheran, need to enter into a new understanding of our identity and new ways of engaging in this new reality? What do you find disorienting? What practices can we engage in to reorient ourselves to the new reality? I look forward to this intentional time together to grieve, mourn, rest, renew and then celebrate what God is up to in and through St. Andrew's.

I will be reorienting my self this coming week with a continuing education event entitled, "Preaching After the Storm." This is a chance to connect with colleagues to learn and grow together into God's call. I look forward to the opportunity to refresh, renew, and recharge. While I am away this Sunday, May 15, and next week, Pastor Roland Zimany will preach and preside in worship.

When I return, I am heading straight to Synod Assembly Friday May 20 and Saturday May 21 with our St. Andrew's Voting Representatives Laurie Hoifeldt and Mary Johnson to hear about the broader work of the Church as the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and Churchwide organizations. It is good to be the Church together! I look forward to seeing you in worship when I return May 22.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

**St. Andrew's Worship Time Changes to 9:30 am May 29**

Worship time will change from 10:30 am to 9:30 am on May 29. Service and Learning will start summer break after the last spring session on May 22 and resume after Labor Day (September 5).

**Happy Spring! Ministry Plant Sale Fundraiser**

As in years past, Pine Ridge Ministry and Tanzania Ministry are having a plant sale! Small plants will be available for Mother's Day May 8, ready to give to a mom, grandma, friend, or anyone who you wish to honor. Larger pots will be available later in the month, on May 22 and Memorial Day weekend on May 29. Plants will be potted, and ready for sitting on your porch or front steps or nestled in a dull spot in your garden to add some color. Please consider buying some plants to support our Ministries! Thanks!

### **Saving Suds at Squeaky Clean May 19**

St. Andrew's will be at Saving Suds this coming Thursday, May 19 from 4-6 pm. Saving Suds is a local ministry in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran to provide quarters and laundry soap at Squeaky Clean from 4-6 pm on the first and third Thursday of the month.

Additional volunteers are always needed to greet participants and hand out quarters. [Sign up here](#) or go to [standrewsames.org](http://standrewsames.org) and click on the Saving Suds image in the slideshow. Saving Suds is also in need of financial donations to support its ministry. Online donations can be made here: [standrewsames.org/give-online/](http://standrewsames.org/give-online/).

### **St. Andrews Choir and Ensemble Picnic May 22**

The Saint Andrews choir and ensemble will be having a picnic on May 22 after worship. We have reserved the shelter at Ines Grove Park. The Red Oak shelter is the shelter closest to Duff Avenue. We have the shelter reserved from 12 to 2:00 pm. If you have been part of the choir or ensemble this past year or would like to join us next year, please join us. You can bring your spouse or a friend. This is a potluck; beverages will be provided but you will need to bring your own table service.

### **St. Andrew's Welcome/New Member Class May 22**

Pastor Sonja will be meeting after worship on May 22 with individuals who want to learn more about being a part of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. 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; and basics of faith, worship, the Bible, and grace from a Lutheran perspective. If you are interested in being included or learning more, please contact Pastor Sonja, at [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org) or call the office at 515-292-2131.

### **Service N Learning: Reformation & Care for Creation**

Please plan to join in our FINAL Service and Learning session for the program year. We will be learning about the Reformation: what it meant when Luther nailed his 95 theses to the Castle Church in Wittenberg, how it became the development of the Protestant churches that separated from the Catholic Church, and what it means to be a church that continues to reform today. Our service focus will be Care for Creation – ourselves (Mental Health) and the world around us (Giving Garden). This is a great opportunity to LEARN and GROW together in a relationship across the generations. Upcoming lessons:

- May 15 – Speaker: Mental Health Provider
- May 22 – Service Activity – Giving Garden

### **St. Andrews Book Club June 14**

We have chosen our next book. "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd. It is an extraordinary story set in the first century. It is focused on the life and struggle of a woman during the life of Jesus. It is a reverential approach to the humanity of Jesus. There are a few library copies in the office. We will gather on Tuesday, June 14 at the Village Cooperative, 2525 Bobcat Drive. Linda Hansen will be our host. ALL ARE WELCOME. If you have any questions, call Mary Johnson at 515-231-0716

### **St. Andrews Wine Club June 24**

Please join us at the Snus Hill Winery in Madrid on June 24 at about 6:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and a snack to share. This is outside on the lawn and there is always an Iowa band. Join us for fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, call Mary Johnson at 515-231-0716

### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America observes 35th anniversary**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) observed its 35th anniversary on April 30. On this date in 1987, the ELCA constitution was adopted during the opening session of the Constituting Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

The ELCA was formed from a merger of three Lutheran churches – the American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and the Lutheran Church in America. To symbolize the formation of the new denomination, the bishops from the three predecessor church bodies poured water from separate containers into one baptismal font.

## **Pine Ridge Donations**

Pine Ridge asks that donations be cleaned prior to donation. This allows them to dedicate their energies to sorting and boxing the items for distribution and not spending funds and time to clean the items before taking them to the reservation, getting them into the hands of the people who need them faster. Thank you for your help in this.

## **~NOTABLES~**

### **Worship Assistants This Week (5/15/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**  
Reader – **Steve Hoifeldt**  
Greeter – **Sharon Mott**  
Ushers – **Don Boyle, John & Carol Moran**  
Communion Setup – **John & Carol Moran**  
Communion Servers – **Pauline Miller, Glynn Frank**  
Tech – **Kris Parsons**  
Fellowship – **Property**

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (5/22/2022)**

Assisting Minister –  
Reader – **Jennie LeGates**  
Greeter – **Sharon Mott**  
Ushers – **Don Boyle, John Kovar**  
Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**  
Communion Servers – **Al Jergens**  
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**  
Fellowship – **Pine Ridge & Tanzania**

## **Happy May Anniversary**

Natalie & Matt Hilleman (20<sup>th</sup>), Cheryl & Paul White (21<sup>st</sup>)

## **Happy May Birthday to**

Brittney Harryman (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ken Israel (3<sup>rd</sup>), Anita Klocke (10<sup>th</sup>), Nikolas Hawkins (10<sup>th</sup>), Lisa Downs (14<sup>th</sup>), Natalie Hilleman, (17<sup>th</sup>), Steve Hoifeldt, (18<sup>th</sup>), Scott Gerstenberger (19<sup>th</sup>), Matt Hilleman, (23<sup>rd</sup>), Steve Loucks (23<sup>rd</sup>)

## **~PRAYERS~**

**Annette (Thompson) Bodnar** (niece of Alice Thompson), **Dick and Anita Whitaker** (Parents 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), **Marjorie Allison, 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 & Maynard 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), **Shirley Parsons, Karen Hardy** (Rita Peterson's sister), **Courtney Anderson, June Larrow** (Gayle Osterberg's sister), **Susan Teas**.

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.

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