

~FRIDAY FLASH~ May 20, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Service & Learning – Giving Garden Presentation*, 9 am, Fellowship Hall and [Zoom](#)
- Sunday, *Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- Sunday, *New Member/Welcome Class*, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, *Choir & Ensemble Picnic*, 12 pm, Ines Grove Park
- Thursday, *Church Council Meeting*, 6 pm, Zoom

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear Beloved Children of God,

It was suggested during one of the conference presentations this week that for some, there is no such thing as “preaching after the storm,” (the title of the conference). This is especially true for folks whose very humanity is deemed a threat by white supremacists, like those targeted in the Tops grocery store shooting in Buffalo New York last weekend. Terror was unleashed on unsuspecting shoppers on a peaceful Saturday evening because one man feared being replaced at the top of the human food chain.

As we take time this summer to lament the way our lives have changed during the last two years due to Covid, we would be remiss not to lament the ongoing assault against black, indigenous, people of color in the nation in which we live, work, vote, and claim as home. We cry:

*Lord have mercy!*

*Christ have mercy!*

*How LONG OH LORD?*

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned your servants?*

And alongside our lament must be action. For those who know the love of God in Christ Jesus, there is no part of creation outside of God’s care and love. And when one part of the body of Christ is in pain, is in fear, and terrorized, the entire body bears the wounds. And the wounds are centuries deep, infected by years of hoping time will heal.

The elevation of one race over another can not stand, in God’s good creation. As God’s kin-dom breaks into the world, our transformation must be to take part in that inbreaking of God’s kin-dom by dismantling the systems that perpetuate white supremacy. As a tradition steeped in the theology of the cross, we must name a thing (a sin) what it is. The sin of white supremacy. The sin of silence. The sin of a world in which young men are so threatened in their very identity that a cult of hatred offers welcome and inclusion in ways they have found nowhere else. The sin of apathy in the face of these pervasive, dangerous lies that pervade our social and political landscape.

Beloved children of God, this is not the time for despair but for our words and actions to match our convictions. We lament. We cry out. And we act. Peace be with you as you discern the next right step as an ambassador of Christ in a world desperately in need of God’s love for ALL.

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).

### **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 are available today 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!

### **Giving Garden Presentation During Service and Learning THIS Sunday**

Join us for Service and Learning on Sunday, May 22 to learn about how you can get involved with the Giving Garden project at SALC supporting Story County Plant A Row for the Hungry to help fight hunger in Story County. No gardening experience is required, and this is a great opportunity for new gardeners, "patio" gardeners, or those who want to help without gardening at all. We will be handing out seedlings to get you started!

### **Choir and Ensemble Picnic THIS Sunday**

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.

### **Welcome/New Member Class THIS Sunday**

Pastor Sonja will be meeting after worship on THIS Sunday 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.

### **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

### **Ice Cream Social June 5**

All are welcome for an Ice Cream Social Sunday June 5 from 3-5 pm in Fellowship Hall. The Education/Youth Committee(s) are sponsoring fellowship opportunities each month this summer to connect and renew with one another.

### **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 (5/22/2022)**

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

#### **Worship Assistants Next Week (5/29/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**  
Reader – **Jon Christy**  
Greeter – **Linda Hansen**  
Ushers – **Don Boyle, John Kovar**  
Communion Setup – **Margaret Sherve**  
Communion Servers – **Janeen Christy, Jon Christy**  
Tech – **Brent Anderson**  
Fellowship – **Social Concerns**

### **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>), Carla Sacco (15<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.**