

~FRIDAY FLASH~ May 6, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- ❖ Sunday, Service & Learning, 9 am, Fellowship Hall and [Zoom](#)
- ❖ Sunday, Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- ❖ Tuesday, Book Club, 6:30 pm, Village Cooperative Community Room
- ❖ Wednesday, Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm, Sanctuary

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear People of the Resurrection,

It is May! If “April showers bring May flowers” we look forward to new life springing up around us this month (and, hopefully, a bit more sunshine in the weeks to come!)

As people who follow in the way of Jesus, new life is kind of our “thing.” We believe that death brings resurrection and new life – as demonstrated by Jesus, AND for all of God’s beloved creation.

To fully enter into New Life, first one must accept the reality of the losses from what has passed away and take time and space in the in-between. We have a great example of this process in our Holy Week ritual: The agony of death on Good Friday; The quiet tomb of Holy Saturday where we take a holy rest and remember God’s compassion for us and find self-compassion, And finally, Easter in all of its new life, resurrection, and transformation.

It is easy to understand the fallow seasons take place in nature: fall → winter → spring. Yet death in other aspects of life can be scary. We fear the inevitable “deaths” that take place in any community – programs we once enjoyed, events that once gathered great crowds, ways of doing ministry. And in all transitions, there is grief over what is lost. Yet, in order for new life to spring forth, we first must face death.

In the coming weeks, I will invite you to participate in some spiritual rituals to help us process the loss and grief we have experienced during covid and during transitions of the last few years. I invite you into a time of intentional rest and reflection during the summer months as we prepare for the future. I look forward to journeying through this time together!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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.

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

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!

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. 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 or call the office at 515-292-2131.

St. Andrew's Book Club May 10

St Andrews Lutheran Church book club has chosen our first book. "The Butterfly Effect" by Rachel McKenny. Part of this novel is sitting in the butterfly exhibit at Reiman Gardens. It is a warm, uplifting story about relationships. We will get together on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30. Linda Hansen will host her discussion in the community room at The Village Co-op, 2525 Bobcat Drive. ALL ARE WELCOME. If you have questions, please contact Mary Johnson at 515-231-0716.

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 Next Week (5/8/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Kyra Meyer**
Reader – **John Kovar**
Greeter – **Pat Thompson**
Ushers – **Don Boyle, John & Carol Moran**
Communion Setup – **Margaret Sherve**
Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve, Al Jergens**
Tech – **Don Behning**
Fellowship – **Outreach**

Worship Assistants Next Week (5/15/2022)

Assisting Minister –
Reader –
Greeter – **Sharon Mott**
Ushers – **Don Boyle, John & Carol Moran**
Communion Setup – **John & Carol Moran**
Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Al Jergens**
Tech – **Kris Parsons**
Fellowship – **Property**

Happy May Anniversary

Natalie & Matt Hilleman (20th), Cheryl & Paul White (21st)

Happy May Birthday to

Brittney Harryman (2nd), Mary Anderson (2nd), Ken Israel (3rd), Craig Boeke (3rd), Anita Klocke (10th), Nikolas Hawkins (10th), Lisa Downs (14th), Stella Goodman, (15th), Natalie Hilleman, (17th), Steve Hoifeldt, (18th), Matt Hilleman, (23rd), Steve Loucks (23rd), Steve Greving (24th)

~PRAYERS~

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 or call 515-292-2131 by Wednesday at Noon.