

~FRIDAY FLASH~ June 17, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Worship*, 9:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- Sunday, *Fellowship*, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, *Church Council Meeting*, 6 pm, online
- Saturday, *Forrest Dubberke Memorial Service*, 2 pm
- For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at standrewsames.org/calendar/

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Grace and Peace to You in the Name of Jesus,

As the hot summer months are upon us, I pray you are finding ways to stay cool and enjoy the beauty of nature. *This Sunday in worship we begin a six-week journey to help process all that has taken place over the last few years, processing all we have lost and the New Life we are being called into through ritual.*

We will spend the *first two weeks considering the grief we have experienced with opportunities to engage in practices that help us lift that grief to God and mourn what we have lost.* As we name, lift in prayer, and offer our losses to God, we release the things we have lost, mourn them, and open ourselves the possibility for God's transformation.

If you join us via Livestream this Sunday, June 19, I invite you to have a candle or two available to light during the ritual we will participate in during the sermon.

Our second two weeks will be an opportunity to be at rest, Sabbath, where we sit in the quiet tomb of Holy Saturday (the time between death – Good Friday – and New Life – Easter). We will participate in rituals that will connect us with God who leads us into rest, and connect us with God's compassion and our self-compassion which allow us to be held, incubated in the hands of God's holiness, experiencing healing and moving toward wholeness and creative reflection.

Our final two weeks will be an opportunity to consider the New Life that God is at working bringing into our midst, in and through the mission, ministry, and people of St. Andrew's. The endings, deaths, we mourn offer opportunities for new life, new beginnings, which lead to growth.

The letter you hopefully picked up or received in the mail this week is the beginning of the Council's work to identify what New Life God is at working bringing into our midst. Your feedback has provided an opportunity for Council to understand the hopes & dreams, needs & concerns, and the strengths & opportunities of St. Andrew's and its members. Council used these to identify and articulate Values that both reflect the current values of the congregation and those that the Council felt God calling St. Andrew's to focus on in the coming years, based on Council's evaluation of the hopes & dreams, needs & concerns, and the strengths & opportunities you provided.

Stay tuned this summer as Council will begin sharing these values, the vision for St. Andrew's the Council feels God is calling us forward to embody, and the action steps the Council will propose for your consideration for the next few years.

God is in the business of making All Things New! I am grateful for the dedication and work of the Council, and the feedback you provided, to begin discovering what New Life God is calling us forward into together.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Sonja

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

St. Andrew's Is Hiring: Office Administrator and Communications Manager

Do you know someone with stellar office skills, administrative and communications experience, preferably in a church environment? We are looking for someone energetic, detail-oriented, creative, warm and welcoming, dependable, a self-starter, and able to work both independently and in coordination with the lead pastor, committees, and church members.

A job description is available at standrewsames.org, just click on the "We're Hiring" image in the carousel. Please share with those who might be interested! Our current Office Administrator and Communications Manager, Brittney Harryman, came to St. Andrew's on assignment through Advance Services staffing agency and has been invited to apply. We are grateful for Brittney's time, energy, and dedication to keeping things running smoothly during this time of transition.

Worship Volunteer Assistants Information

We are always in need of ushers, readers, assisting ministers, communion assistants, altar guild, and more. If you are willing and able to lend your time and talents in these areas, please sign up on the signup sheets that are on the table in the narthex, or you can contact the office at 515-292-2131 or office@standrewsames.org. Thank you for assisting with worship at St. Andrew's!

Spread the word! VBS Day Camp Registration NOW Open: Experience God's BOUNDLESS Love!

Vacation Bible School Day Camp will be held August 8-12 HERE at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church from 9 am-3pm each day, exploring the BOUNDLESS love of God through story, worship, games, afternoon, and activities. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to participate in a week of fun led by camp counselors from Ewalu. VBS is provided in cooperation with Bethesda Lutheran Church, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, and Camp Ewalu. Anyone aged 3-years (potty-trained) through age 10 (or having completed 5th grade) is invited! Children will need to bring a sack lunch each day. St. Andrew's will cover the cost for those who register and indicate St. Andrew's as their church affiliation. [Register online now to reserve your spot!](#)

Camp Ewalu is a year-round ministry in Eastern Iowa with 1,000 youth participating in summer programs and nearly 1,000 more through Day Camp programs (VBS). Ewalu also sees 2,500 environmental education students and nearly 6,500 additional youth and adults who come to renew and grow in their faith. [Find out more about Ewalu.](#)

Support Plant a Row Community Garden

Are you a gardener without a garden? Help is needed at the donation garden at the loway Creek Community Garden (South Maple Avenue, South of 4th Street) Ames. Produce harvested will support Story County Plant a Row for the Hungry. Volunteers may assist with planting, weeding, watering, mulching paths, and light construction of fencing and gates. Service hours are also approved for Story County Master Gardeners and trainees. If interested, please contact Janeen Christy at janeen.christy70@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's 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

Memorial Service for Forrest Dubberke June 25

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 25, at 2 pm for Forrest Dubberke, followed by a reception with cookies and coffee in Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be sent to Iowa Public Radio, 2111 Grand Avenue, Suite 100 Des Moines, IA 50312-5393; or St. Andrews Lutheran Church.

New Member Welcome Reception June 26

During worship, new members will be introduced to the congregation with a brief new member liturgy. After worship, there will be a reception with a light brunch where new members can get to know the St. Andrew's community and enjoy fellowship together.

Upcoming Opportunity to Support Ukrainian Refugees June 22

Now is the time for communities across the country to lift a unified voice of welcome and advocacy for immigrants and refugees coming to the United States. Join Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) as we stand up for welcome and speak up alongside our newest neighbors through Stand Up Speak Up: Solidarity with Ukraine.

Reserve your spot for the LIRS National Call-In Day on June 22! You'll receive training resources and a customizable template for calling your elected officials alongside LIRS supporters from across the country. RSVP for National Call-In Day. [RSVP for National Call-In Day.](#)

St. Andrew's Book Club July 12

The book that we have chosen for July is "Little Faith" by Nickolas Butler. This is an All Iowa Reads for 2021. This is a powerful story "filled with deep emotion, no matter your religious proclivities ". An honest discussion of faith and doubt. There are a few library copies in the office. We will gather on Tuesday, July 12 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

~NOTABLES~

Worship Assistants This Week (6/19/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**
Reader – **Al Jergens**
Greeter – **Pat Thompson**
Ushers – **Don Boyle**
Communion Setup – **Kris Miles**
Communion Servers – **John Kovar**
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**
Fellowship – **Outreach**

Worship Assistants Next Week (6/26/2022)

Assisting Minister –
Reader – **Dave Spran**
Greeter – **Nora Nelson**
Ushers – **Al Jergens**
Communion Setup – **Kris Miles**
Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Carol Putz**
Tech – **Brent Anderson**
Fellowship – **Property**

Happy June Anniversary

Les & Alycia Carlsborg (2nd), Arvid & Gayle Osterberg (6th), Ben & Sarah Buck (7th), Peter & Kyra Meyer (13th), Les & Pauline Miller (15th), Gene & Miriam Takle (15th), Susan & Roy Teas (15th), Phillip & Janet Dixon (23rd)

Happy June Birthday to

Cheryl White (5th), Ardyce Hanson (9th), Allen Christian (17th), Kristen Miles (18th), Paul White (23rd), Alycia Carlsborg (25th), Sarah Parsons (28th), Lisa Richards (30th)

~PRAYERS~

John Sherve (relative of Margaret Sherve), **Janet Bentley** (mother of Janet Dixon), **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, Douglas John Putz** (brother of Dave Putz), the family of Lois Rand (Sarah Buck's Mother), the family of Shannon Sayer.

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.