

~FRIDAY FLASH~ June 24, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

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

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Greetings,

This Sunday we will welcome nine new members into the community of faith that is St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Thanks be to God for the gifts, talents, and joy they share! *To extend welcome and hospitality, I invite everyone who attends worship this Sunday to fill out a stick-on nametag* (yes, INSTEAD of the ones on the nametag board) with your first and last name AND one interesting thing about yourself as a conversation starter (This can be your favorite meal, a place you have traveled, or pretty much anything!)

This will help our newest members connect with others, and maybe find out something new about someone you know. Please plan to stick around after worship to extend a warm welcome at our New Member Reception, a light brunch with food, coffee and conversation.

This Sunday in worship will be the second week of our *Turn Our Hearts* series, exploring Grief and loss, Holy Saturday Sabbath Rest, and the New Life of Resurrection. We will continue our exploration of the grief we have experienced with an opportunity to mourn the losses by writing them on dissolvable paper and placing it in the baptismal bowl. If you attend via Livestream, I invite you to find paper and pen and think of a way you to symbolically "give it to God" during the ritual. 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.

I look forward to this time to engage in rituals together that acknowledge loss and celebrate how God is already on the move, bringing new life in and through our newest members. Thanks be to God!

See you Sunday! And don't forget to fill out a nametag!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

### **St. Andrew's Wine Club TODAY**

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

### **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.

### **Move Up!**

The Outreach committee is requesting that everyone voluntarily moves up towards the front of the sanctuary for service. I challenge you to move up 3 or 4 rows, maybe be really bold and brave and move up 5 or 6 rows! There is a good reason for this. Our online community sees mostly the front area of the sanctuary. When many people are towards the back they are not seen online and the sanctuary looks somewhat empty. We want to show the fullest presence online as possible. Of course, if you need to be close to the entry doors we understand as well. But for those that are able... Move Up!

### **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](http://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](mailto:office@standrewsames.org). Thank you for assisting with worship at St. Andrew's!

### **Getting the Word out!**

St. Andrew's is trying to increase our social media presence to attract attention and spread the word about our amazing mission and ministries. We will start creating original content and posting it on Facebook and Twitter. If you are on social media, you can help us get out the Word by sharing our posts with your friends and family.

## **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-3 pm 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 has 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](mailto:janeen.christy70@gmail.com).

## **Memorial Service for Forrest Dubberke Saturday**

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.

## **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 (6/26/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**

Reader – **Dave Sprau**

Greeter – **Nora Nelson**

Ushers – **Al Jergens**

Communion Setup – **Kris Miles**

Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Carol Putz**

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (7/3/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**

Reader – **Steve Hoifeldt**

Greeter – **Rolly Link**

Ushers – **John & Carol Moran**

Communion Setup – **John & Carol Moran**

Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Mary Johnson**

Tech – **Brent Anderson**  
Fellowship – **Outreach**

Tech – **Don Behning**  
Fellowship – **Fellowship**

### **Happy June Anniversary**

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

### **Happy June Birthday to**

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

### **~PRAYERS~**

**JoAnn Folkman, Lowell Elwick, 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](mailto:office@standrewsames.org) or call 515-292-2131 by Wednesday at Noon.**