

~FRIDAY FLASH~ June 3, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Worship*, 9:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- Sunday, *Fellowship*, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, *Ice Cream Social*, 3-5 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, *Primary Election Polls*, 7 am – 8 pm
- Thursday, *Education Committee Meeting*, 5:15 pm

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear Beloved Community,

As I write, it is the first day of June. My children finished school last week, and Ames' students finish this week. Summer schedules often bring time to rest and renew. I invite you to consider what practices you will incorporate this summer to refresh your body, mind, and spirit.

One opportunity for renewal will be this coming Sunday, Pentecost, when *"we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us ... Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world,"* (sundaysandseasons.org).

I am reminded that one year ago on Pentecost we anticipated gathering in person for worship for the first time since the pandemic. It made for an especially meaningful and much-anticipated Pentecost after a long, isolating time for many. This year, please plan to celebrate this important milestone in worship – one year of in-person worship AND the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, which drove them out into the world to share God's love.

You, the people of St. Andrew's are also compelled by the power of the Holy Spirit to share God's love with the world. And we do so in community. In the community that is St. Andrew's church and in the community of family, the communities of our neighborhoods and our towns.

We often refer to St. Andrew's as a church ... and we get the word "church" from the Greek Ecclesia which means "a particular body of faithful people – a community."

The big "C" Church is God's church in the world, made up of all Christians who believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus as God's life-saving and love-demonstrating act bringing freedom and grace to the world.

St. Andrew's is a little "c" church, one outpost of the Church in the world. As such, St. Andrew's is ecclesia – a community gathered to worship, serve, learn, and grow ... sharing life together. This is a commitment to more than worship and learning on Sunday mornings but to live life together, with all its joys and sorrow.

I am deeply grateful for the community that is St. Andrew's and the ways we share life together as a church, a faith community that is one small part of God's Church throughout the world. I look forward to celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit that began at Pentecost to "call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith," (Luther's Small Catechism).

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

### **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.](#)

### **Ice Cream Social THIS Sunday**

Join us for ice cream and company in the fellowship hall on June 5 from 3 pm – 5 pm. We will have many delicious toppings. Come, and join the fun!

### **St. Andrew's 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

### **Celebrating and Renewing our Companion Synod Relationship June 18**

Join with others interested in companion congregation/synod relations to celebrate and renew our companion synod relationship with Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT).

Saturday, June 18

10:00 am - 2:00 pm (lunch provided)

Bethesda Lutheran Church - Ames

Please RSVP by Monday, June 13

We will celebrate and renew our Companion Synod Relationship with the Pare Diocese and congregations in the Mwanga Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and plan for our shared mission together with our partners in the ELCA and ELCT

Anyone in the Southeastern Iowa Synod who are either passionate about or curious about our companion synod relationships with the Pare Diocese and congregations in the Mwanga Diocese is welcome to attend. Congregations with relationships with congregations in Tanzania or projects underway in partnership with ministries in the dioceses are encouraged to send participants if possible. [RSVP Online.](#)

### **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

### **Thank You Letter from LSI for Refugee Welcome Kits**

Pastor Sonja and friends at St. Andrew's, Wow!! Thank you for your very generous donation of welcome kits and gift cards that we received yesterday. With your partnership, we will continue to provide programs and services to those new to the U.S. and Iowa. Thank you for helping us welcome the world!! With gratitude, Nancy Strutzenberg, Director of Philanthropy, IRCS

### **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.

### **Upcoming Opportunity to Support Ukrainian Refugees**

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.](#)

### **~NOTABLES~**

#### **Worship Assistants This Week (6/5/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**  
Reader – **Margaret Sherve**  
Greeter – **Betty Beard**  
Ushers – **Don Boyle**  
Communion Setup – **Margaret Sherve**  
Communion Servers – **Lynn Miller, Lynnette Jensen**  
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**  
Fellowship – **Fellowship**

#### **Worship Assistants Next Week (6/12/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Janeen Christy**  
Reader – **Jennie LeGates**  
Greeter – **Cheryl & Paul White**  
Ushers – **Don Boyle, John & Carol Moran**  
Communion Setup – **Cheryl & Paul White**  
Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve**  
Tech – **Kris Parsons**  
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~

**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**, the family of Lois Rand (Sarah Buck's Mother).

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.**