

~FRIDAY FLASH~ July 22, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Worship*, 9:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- Sunday, *Fellowship*, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, *Congregational meeting*, 11 am, Fellowship Hall and [Zoom](#)
- Friday, *St. Andrew's Wine Down*, 6:30 pm, Snus Winery
- *For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at <http://www.standrewsames.org/calendar/>*
- *If you cannot view this email, click this link for a .pdf*

~Pastor's Message~

Greetings Friends in Christ!

I am delighted to report that I am now covid-free and am looking forward to reconnecting with you this weekend in worship. We will conclude our Turn Our Hearts series Sunday, as we celebrate all the ways God is at work bringing New Life at St. Andrew's and how we can join in that work, nurturing and growing together as God's people and sharing God's amazing love with the world!

New Life is already springing forth as I invite you to join me in welcoming Miriam Moreno, who will start this week as our Promotions, Events, and Communications Manager and Interim Office Administrator. As Promotions, Events, and Communications Manager, Miriam will be helping raise the visibility of St. Andrew's in the community through enhanced communication efforts. In addition, Miriam will be a resource for event planning, creation of eye-catching graphic images for promotion, and facilitation of communications responsibilities. With a Master's degree in nutrition, we will all enjoy benefiting from Miriam's coordination of our Sunday morning Service and Learning Breakfast Club, and I will especially appreciate her support coordinating the technology so we can continue to offer hybrid sessions. Miriam can be reached at Miriam@standrewsames.org for events and communications needs or office@standrewsames.org for administrative needs.

As we begin to look toward the start of the program year, I am excited to share that Service and Learning will be engaging with the Biblical story this year, utilizing *The Story* curriculum. *The Story* is an innovative Bible that presents Scripture as a continuous narrative in chronological order. By engaging the entirety of God's story together, we will learn and grow together. Please plan to join us for Service and Learning starting September 18 as we are fed literally (with yummy breakfast) and spiritually on the word of God! Watch for more information about how to access a copy of *The Story* coming soon!

As we prepare for this fall, please take a moment to fill out our [Service and Learning survey](#), regarding the 2021-2022 program year. We ask that ALL fill out the survey, whether you participated or not – if you didn't participate, we want to know why. [You can access the survey here.](#)

Finally, our family is departing on a long-awaited family vacation starting Monday. I will return to the office Tuesday, August 2. Please reach out and welcome Miriam and give her your patience and support as she learns the ropes during my time away.

See you Sunday!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational meeting July 24 at 11 AM to vote on

1. Establishing a line of credit to cover the costs of the rental properties
2. The future of Colorado Junction.

[The Zoom link will be the same as for the informational meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 874 6002 9757

Passcode: 485334

Dial by your location

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2022 EMF Scholarship Due July 26

The EMF Committee is pleased to announce that applications for college scholarships will be accepted through July 26, 2022. For application information, please visit the church website carousel (at www.standrewsames.org) and click on the scholarship image. If you have questions, contact Dave Putz at david.putz@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's Wine Club July 29

Please join us at the Snus Hill Winery in Madrid on July 29 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.

Pine Ridge Delivery Success!

Another truckload of furniture, clothing, and household goods has arrived in Pine Ridge. We want to thank members of St. Andrew's for their donations and thank the following members for their help moving boxes from the second floor of Colorado Junction to the first floor and for their help loading the truck and trailer: Phil and Christine Meraz, Molly Putz, Laurie Evans, Andrew and John Kovar, Natalie Hilleman, and Dan and Chris Parsons. – *Kris Parsons and Almira Uemura*

Christmas in July for LSI

The Social Concerns Committee is collecting monetary donations for Christmas gifts for clients of Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). If you would like to donate, please mark on your donation that it is for LSI/Christmas gifts when included in the offering. We will be doing the collection from July 17 through July 31. Donations will be given to LSI. Lutheran Services in Iowa wants to ensure that all children within their care across the state receive gifts at Christmas. As we near December, LSI will identify parishes to serve as elves to provide assistance with the shopping. LSI will deliver the gifts. Please contact Monica Behning, Social Concerns Committee, if you have questions.

Worship Volunteer Assistants Signup

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!

Help us Reach Out with Gods Love: Volunteer Sign-Up for VBS

We look forward to sharing God's BOUNDLESS love with kids at this year's 2022 VBS Camp, August 8-12, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at St. Andrews! VBS is a joint event of Bethesda and St. Andrew's Lutheran churches. Volunteer needs for the 2022 VBS Camp are outlined below. [Sign up here](#) You will be contacted with additional information about your volunteer role once VBS registration is complete.

- Daytime Volunteers will follow the leadership of Ewalu Camp Counselors in working with groups of children ranging from 3 years old to 5th grade.
- Snack Volunteers will be contacted when we have the final numbers of children registered and asked to drop snacks off at the church for the day(s) you have indicated availability.
- Set-up/Tear-down Volunteers will be contacted to help with any setup needs prior to VBS on Monday or Tear-down/Clean-up needs on Friday afternoon.
- Host Families will provide breakfast, sack lunch, dinner, and overnight lodging for Ewalu Camp Counselors Sunday night through Friday afternoon.

Spread the word! VBS Day Camp Registration NOW Open

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. 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. Use the QR code here or go to standerwsames.org and click on the Boundless logo in the carousel to register. 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!](#)

St. Andrew's Book Club August 9

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, by Kim Michele Richardson, is a story of a packhorse librarian and her quest to bring books to the Appalachian community she loves. Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, the book is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere-even back home. The next meeting is on August 9, at Linda Hansen's home at the Village Coop.

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.

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!

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

~NOTABLES~

Worship Assistants This Week (7/24/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Kyra Meyer**
Reader – **Jennie LeGates**
Greeter – **Pat Thompson**
Ushers – **John Kovar, Al Jergens**
Communion Setup – **Kris Miles**
Communion Servers – **Jon Christy, John Kovar**
Tech – **Kris Parsons**
Fellowship – **Worship & Arts**

Worship Assistants Next Week (7/31/2022)

Assisting Minister –
Reader –
Greeter – **Jeanine Strodman**
Ushers –
Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**
Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve**
Tech – **Brent Anderson**
Fellowship – **Outreach**

Happy July Anniversary

Andrea and Marty Kemp (6), Leah and Steve Greving (20), Harold and Lilith Dorr (29)

Happy July Birthday

Amanda Ahrens (1), Margaret Sherve (2), Abby Frescoln (3), Carol Putz (4), Coy Schwieder (6), Joel Paulson (9), Violet Tweed (10), Kristine Andersen (16), Julie Riesselman (16), Don Boyle (17), Jeanine Strodman (18), Greg Elwick (18), Lori Olson (19), Kristen Kemp (20), John McClelland (22), Shirley Parsons (23), Hayes Larson (24), Megan Riesselman (25), Fritz Wehrenberg (25), Cheryl Davis (26), MaryJune Cain (28), Linda Houk (30), Sarah Weyer (30)

~PRAYERS~

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 **Shannon Sayer**, the family of **JoAnn Folkmann**.

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.