

~FRIDAY FLASH~ July 29, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Worship*, 9:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- Sunday, *Fellowship*, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
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~President's Message~

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their participation in the congregation meeting last Sunday. Upon reflection, it was a congregation effort.

Many thanks to those behind the scenes who endured multiple meetings, gathered huge amounts of information, explored options, and made things available in a digestible format.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of the people over the years who put their blood, sweat, and tears into maintaining and operating Colorado Junction. They carried a heavy burden, especially early on – we should all be very grateful.

We are blessed at St. Andrew's to have so many members willing to help and participate. Concerns about having a quorum during the summer were unfounded as a quorum (plus) was present in the Fellowship Hall and over a dozen participated remotely. Many individuals shared their expertise and opinions when asked and good questions were generated during the information session. This resulted in a smoothly run meeting and unanimous outcomes for every motion. THANK YOU – to everyone!

Work to carry out the motions is already underway. By the time this is published, the approved line of credit will be in place and the first meeting of the sales oversight group will have been held. I received many positive comments about the meeting, including one about a renewed sense of hope. We carry that sense of hope with us as we move forward.

David Putz, Council President

God is Good, All the Time!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew's Wine Club July 29

Please join us at the Snus Hill Winery in Madrid on July 29 (TONIGHT!) 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.

Please Complete Service and Learning Survey!

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. The survey can be found [here](#)!

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! Use the link below 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!](#)

Snack Volunteers and Host Families Needed 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. [Click here to sign up.](#) 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

PLEASE SAVE YOUR ICE CREAM BUCKETS!

God's Work Our Hands Sunday is coming up in September! Kris Parsons is in need of empty, clean ice cream buckets for homeless kits! Please save your buckets and bring them to the church office or leave them in the labeled tote in the Narthex! Thanks for your help!

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 9th, at Linda Hansen's home at the Village Coop.

Follow Along with the Churchwide Assembly

The 2022 Churchwide Assembly will convene in Columbus, Ohio on Aug. 8-12. This assembly which takes place every three years is the primary decision-making body of the ELCA. Gathered under the theme, Embody the Word, voting members from the Southeastern Iowa Synod and other synods of the ELCA will participate in plenaries, discussions, and worship while acting on key legislative business and hearing reports and updates on the work of the church. As we prepare for this assembly, we'd like to point you [to some resources](#) so that you can connect with this assembly at home, learn about our ministry together and join us in prayer for the Spirit to guide our church and this work as we meet.

Save the Date for our 2nd Annual Renaissance Faire!

Huzzah! St. Andrew's will be hosting our Ren Faire on October 2nd from 3-5 pm. This fun fall festival will feature food, games, music, royalty, and more! Additional features will include a Raising Readers booth, all things pumpkin, and dancing! Keep an eye out for more details to come!

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!

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 Ioway 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 (7/31/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**

Reader – **Mary Johnson**

Greeter – **Pat Thompson**

Ushers – **John Kovar, Al Jergens**

Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**

Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve, Al Jergens**

Tech – **Brent Anderson**

Fellowship – **Outreach**

Worship Assistants Next Week (8/7/2022)

Assisting Minister –

Reader – **Jennie LeGates**

Greeter – **Linda Hansen**

Ushers –

Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**

Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve, John Kovar**

Tech – **Kris Parsons**

Fellowship –

Happy August Anniversary

Kris Miles and Al Jergens (13), Norma and Lowell Elwick (15), Kim Adams and Jan Warwick (18), Sheri and Dave Krumm (25)

Happy August Birthday

Dave Sprau (6), Katelyn Riesselman (7), Matt Ross (10), Alex Kovar (12), Kim Adams (13), Christina Paulson (14), Bryanna Behning (18), Lesley Hawkins (25), John Moran (25), Andrea Kemp (25), Matthew Martens (31), Annika Rice (31), Kaija Rice (31), Erik Rice (31)

~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.