

~FRIDAY FLASH~ July 8, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Worship*, 9:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- Sunday, *Fellowship*, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at standrewsames.org/calendar/
- If you cannot read the email, please click this link

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Greetings,

This Sunday in worship will be the fourth week of our *Turn Our Hearts* series, exploring Grief and Loss, Holy Saturday Sabbath Rest, and the New Life of Resurrection. This week we will engage again in rituals that invite us into Sabbath Rest through guided imagery and stillness.

We will remember we are beloved and cared for by God and called care for ourselves. In doing so, we are held by God, incubated if you will, for the work that is to come. I look forward to this time to engage in rituals together and rest in God's loving care to be renewed and restored to share that love with our neighbor.

I will be heading out on Wednesday, July 13, through Sunday to Wilderness Canoe Base to spend dedicated time with our confirmation youth (Oren Geisinger and Erik Rice) as their final "confirmation capstone." We will be considering what difference faith makes in our lives and the gift of community we find when we gather as the Church. Please be in prayer for us (and Trent Rice, who will be an additional adult leader) that God would move with the power of the Holy Spirit to bless our time together and stir our hearts and minds to faith.

See you Sunday!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

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 (www.standrewsames.org) under the Resources link. The application letter is to be e-mailed to the church office by July 26th (office@standrewsames.org). If you have questions, contact a member of the EMF Committee or the church office (office@standrewsames.org).

Christmas in July

We Wish You A Merry Christmas:

I hope that got your attention. 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.

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!

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!

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

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](#).

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!](#)

St. Andrew's Community Barbeque July 20

Join us here at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, July 20 at 6 pm for lawn games and food! Burgers, hot dogs, and buns will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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 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.

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.

~NOTABLES~

Worship Assistants This Week (7/10/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**
Reader – **Jon Christy**
Greeter – **Ruth Shreve**
Ushers – **Glynn Frank, John Kovar**
Communion Setup – **Kris & Dan Andersen**
Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve, Lynn Miller**
Tech – **Kris Parsons**
Fellowship – **Pine Ridge and Tanzania**

Worship Assistants Next Week (7/17/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**
Reader – **Margaret Sherve**
Greeter – **Carla Sacco**
Ushers – **John & Carol Moran**
Communion Setup – **John & Carol Moran**
Communion Servers – **Carol Putz, Janeen Christy**
Tech –
Fellowship – **Social Concerns**

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.