

August 12, 2022 Friday Flash

Dear Ones in Christ,

We have had a busy, exciting week with Vacation Bible School! Twenty preschool and elementary-aged children have filled the building with smiles, laughter, songs, and fun. We are grateful for the leadership of counselors from Ewalu Lutheran Bible Camp and our St. Andrew's and Bethesda volunteers who accompanied the children and led the activities this week.

Check out videos with pictures of the week's VBS activities at these links [Day 1](#), [Day 2](#), and [Day 3](#), so you can enjoy their smiles and energy as much as we did! Day 4/5 will be posted later today!

Fall is coming, and if the announcements below are any indication, committees at St. Andrew's have been BUSY planning lots of great ways for us to connect with one another and to invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to connect with St. Andrew's mission and ministry.

See below for information about *Worship in the Park with a Backpack Blessing August 28*; Opportunities to serve our local, national, and global communities on *God's Work. Our Hands. Kickoff Sunday September 11*; our *Service n Learning Kickoff September 18*; and our *2nd Annual Renaissance Faire October 2!*

For 2022-23 Service n Learning (SnL) will focus on learning about the story of God's love for ALL creation exploring the book *The Story*, a chronological rewriting of the stories from the Bible in narrative form.

SnL will kick off September 18 at 9 am with breakfast. We will then break into classes for our learning time (preschool, elementary, youth, and adult). In addition, we will offer an online (Zoom) option Thursdays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, and we are working to organize in-person opportunities throughout the week.

To make this happen we need volunteers to lead the preschool, elementary, and youth options on Sunday mornings. We need willing hearts to welcome and demonstrate God's love to our preschool and elementary kids as you read the story for the day and engage in a simple activity together. We need enthusiastic souls to engage in a discussion and activity with youth (7th-12th grade) associated with reading from *The Story* each week.

[Register for participation in our yearlong, church-wide study of *The Story* here](#). Please also register any children/youth that will participate on Sunday mornings. You can indicate ways you are willing to volunteer, Bible Study group time/day preference, and preorder a copy of *The Story*.

I look forward to this exciting opportunity to engage in learning about *The Story* of God's love for God's people together as we grow in faith, relationship with one another, and connection to the world God loves.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Worship*, 9:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- Sunday, *Fellowship*, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Monday, *Pine Ridge Truck Loading*, 6 pm, Colorado Junction
- Thursday, *Saving Suds*, 4-7 pm, Squeaky Clean Laundry
- Friday, *Church Carpet Cleaning*, All Day, All Rooms
- *For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at standrewsames.org/calendar/*

St. Andrew's Fall 2022 Directories Available

Printed copies are available on the Narthex table. An electronic copy is available by request. Email office@standrewsames.org.

Signup Now for Fall Bible Study Opportunities: *The Story*

This fall St. Andrew's will embark on an exploration of the Bible, using a resource called *The Story*, which is a chronological rewriting of the stories from the Bible in narrative form. Age-appropriate versions are available for preschool, elementary, youth, and adults.

The Education Committee is in the process of planning for age-specific groups during Service and Learning (breakfast together at 9 am; learning together from 9:30-10 am) as well as small groups to meet in person and on zoom throughout the week.

Online registration is [available here](#). Paper registration forms are also available in the Narthex. Miriam will be available after worship at a table with examples of the books, to answer any questions, and to help you register. Volunteers are needed to help lead groups, so please consider if you feel called to explore the Bible with a small group of children or adults.

Pine Ridge Truck Loading and Delivery August 15-18

We will be loading up the truck with another round of donations at 6 pm on Monday, August 15 at Colorado Junction. This load will be leaving on Tuesday the 16th, delivering on Wednesday the 17th, and returning home on Thursday the 18th. Please contact Kris Parsons if you are interested in helping out!

Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Backpacks: August 28, 9:30 am

Bring your backpack, briefcase, laptop, purse, water bottle, or just yourself to Outdoor Worship at Daley Park Sunday, August 28 for a blessing during our 9:30 a.m. outdoor worship service! We want to bless people of all ages who are returning to fall routines at school, work, and in the world. We will have a special gift to remind you God goes with you into the world each and every day. Invite your friends, neighbors, and anyone who might enjoy this morning of worship, special blessing, and luncheon.

Books are Now Available for this Month's Book Club!

This month's book is *Midnight at the Blackbird Café: A Novel* written by Heather Webber. This book follows the story of a young woman whose mother, the owner of the Blackbird Café, has passed away. While the daughter only planned to return home to close the café and bury her mother, the past greets her, as well as the mysterious recipe for "Blackbird Pie." The next meeting of the Book Club will be on September 13. Books are now available for pick-up in the office!

Worship Time Change Reminder; 10:30 am Beginning September 11

Don't forget to mark your calendars! Our worship service returns to our regular time of 10:30 am starting on September 11. Our fellowship time will also move up an hour to 11:30 am. Finally, our Service and Learning will start up again on September 18, 9 am, with breakfast and an introduction to our new curriculum: *The Story!*

Please Save Your Ice Cream Buckets

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

God's Work, Our Hands Kickoff Sunday, September 11

We will once again be participating the God's Work, Our Hands Sunday this year on September 11. The Education, Outreach and Social Concerns committees are working on service activities before worship 9-10:30 am and after worship! A few projects in the works include homeless kits for Pine Ridge and some community painting! More details to come regarding other ways you can get involved!

Save the Date for St. Andrew's 2nd Annual Renaissance Faire October 2

Huzzah! St. Andrew's will be hosting our Ren Faire on October 2 from 3-6 pm. This fun medieval festival will include 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!

Please Complete Service and Learning Survey by August 21

As we prepare for this fall, please take a moment to fill out our Service and Learning survey, regarding the 2021-2022 year. We ask that ALL fill out the survey, whether you participated or not. The survey can be found using [this link](#), or paper copies are available on the Narthex table.

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!

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 (8/14/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**

Reader – **Kris Miles**

Greeter – **Jeannie Strodtman**

Ushers – **Al Jergens, John Kovar**

Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**

Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Al Jergens**

Tech – **Don Behning**

Fellowship – **Property**

Worship Assistants Next Week (8/21/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**

Reader –

Greeter – **Lolly Link**

Ushers – **John Kovar**

Communion Setup – **Kris Miles**

Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve, Lynn Miller**

Tech – **Brent Anderson**

Fellowship – **Pine Ridge and Tanzania**

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), **Anita Whitaker** (Mother 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), **Susan Teas, Douglas John Putz** (brother of Dave Putz), the family of **JoAnn Folkmann**, the family of **June Larrow** (Gayle Osterberg's sister), the family of **Dick Whitaker** (Father of Sheri Krumm).

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.