

## Friday Flash August 5, 2022

Greetings Friends in Christ,

It is good to be back and to be looking forward to VBS next week! *As of today, we have 20 kiddos signed up and anticipate two counselors from EWALU who will lead the kids in a week of exciting adventures as we explore God's BOUNDLESS love!* Their 9am-3 pm day will include: Morning Worship; Bible Story; Snack; Arts and Crafts; Games; Lunch, Afternoon Activity; and Afternoon Worship.

Many thanks to the Education Committee (Kyra Myer, Chair; Peter Meyer; Mary Johnson; Dan Andersen; and Lynn Miller) for their time planning and coordinating! Thanks to Dan Andersen for volunteering each day. Thanks to those who are providing snacks, to Margaret Sherve for housing the EWALU counselors, and to Peter Meyer, Laurie Hoifeldt, and Dan Andersen who will lead afternoon activities. It is certain to be a great week!

As we look forward after next week, it won't be long before we will be returning to our fall routines. Look forward to *Worship in the Park August 28, 9:30 am* (more information in the announcements). We will have our *"Backpacks and All Things" blessing that Sunday*, so it is a great time to bring the kiddos, youth, and young at heart out to hear a message about God's love for us, *receive a blessing, and receive a backpack tag or sticker reminding you that God goes with you in all you do!* Following worship, we will enjoy breakfast catered by HyVee, sponsored by the Worship and Arts committee. Come One and All!

*We will return to Fall Worship Times Sunday September 11* – so mark your calendar and set your reminders for worship at 10:30 am. *We will also celebrate God's Work. Our Hands. kickoff* that Sunday, with service activities for all to participate in before worship at 9:00 am and after worship at 11:30 am. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

Finally, *Service n Learning (SnL) will return Sunday, September 18* – Come for the Breakfast, Stay for the People. This will be an ALL-CONGREGATION learning experience using *The Story* curriculum. *The Story* is a chronological rewriting of the stories from the Bible in narrative form. They have materials for all ages. SnL will expand from one offering on Sunday mornings to several offerings throughout the week.

Stay tuned for more information and ways you can order the materials you will need and connect with a group as we GROW together in relationship with GOD, GOD'S STORY, and ONE ANOTHER!

See you Sunday!

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-Friday, *Vacation Bible School*, 9 am – 3 pm, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary
- ❖ Tuesday, 6:30 pm, *St. Andrew's Book Club Meeting*, 2525 Bobcat Dr.
- ❖ For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at <http://www.standrewsames.org/calendar/>

### **Congratulations**

MaryJune, Michael and sister MaryLisa Cain welcomed Signey Carmadelle Cain on May 11, 2022. She was 7lbs 7oz, 20.5" tall, and perfect. Welcome Signey!

### **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!](#)

### **St. Andrew's Book Club August 9**

Join us as we talk about *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Michele Richardson, 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 at 6:30 pm, August 9, at Linda Hansen's home at the Village Coop (2525 Bobcat Dr.).

### **Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Backpacks August 29, 9:30 am**

Bring your backpack, briefcase, laptop, purse, water bottle, or just yourself to Outdoor Worship at Daley Park Sunday, August 29 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.

### **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 leave them in the labeled tote in the Narthex. Thanks for your help, and thanks to everyone who has donated already!

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Renaissance Faire on October 2**

Huzzah! St. Andrew's will be hosting our Ren Faire on October 2 from 3-5 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!

### **Opportunity to Donate Toward Flooding Relief in Eastern Kentucky**

Beginning on July 27, a line of severe storms dumped record amounts of rain on eastern Kentucky, overflowing rivers and creeks onto streets and neighborhoods. The death toll in Kentucky is expected to rise as search and rescue efforts continue. Though hundreds of people have been rescued, the number of people missing is still unknown. Rising waters are damaging infrastructure, including roads, bridges and power lines, which hinders rescue efforts. The flooding has destroyed hundreds of homes and other buildings and left families with nothing.

These severe floods are not limited to Kentucky; there has been flooding in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and other states in the region. As the waters recede and the full scope of the damage is assessed, Lutheran Disaster Response will work with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and local communities to focus on long-term needs. We anticipate that the response will include rebuilding homes, replacing lost household items and providing emotional and spiritual care to survivors. This is in addition to our ongoing response to the December 2021 tornadoes in western Kentucky. Find more information and a way to donate [here](#).

### **Senior Variety Show 2022**

The 26th Annual Senior Variety Show, "Antics Roadshow" will be presented Friday, August 19, 7:30 pm, and Saturday, August 20, 2:00 pm at Ames City Auditorium. Eighty talented Story County seniors will showcase songs, dances, and humor as they celebrate returning to the stage after their milestone 25th Anniversary in 2019. The net proceeds will benefit Ames Ecumenical Housing, Ballard Community Performing Arts Association, and The Bridge Home. Tickets, \$10, are now on sale at Worldly Goods, 223 Main St., Ames, and other county-wide locations. [More information here!](#)

### **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](mailto: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 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](mailto:janeen.christy70@gmail.com).

~NOTABLES~

**Worship Assistants This Week (8/7/2022)**

Assisting Minister – Kyra Meyer

Reader – Jennie LeGates

Greeter – Linda Hansen

Ushers – Al Jergens, John Kovar

Communion Setup – Paul & Cheryl White

Communion Servers –John Kovar

Tech – Kris Parsons

Fellowship – Fellowship

**Worship Assistants Next 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

**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](mailto:office@standrewsames.org) or call 515-292-2131 by Wednesday at Noon.**