

## September 16, 2022 Friday Flash

Greetings!

This is the week we kick off our yearlong study of *The Story*. You should have received a message from the office email address earlier this week with all the details you will need. Please reach out if you have additional questions – I'm looking forward to connecting in relationship around God's story!

In this week's message, I'd like to highlight the work of our Education & Youth Committee(s). Members Dan Andersen, Mary Johnson, Kyra Meyer (chair), Peter Meyer, Pauline Miller (and exiting member Lynn Miller) have been busy at work this year reimagining our learning opportunities in the new normal – after years affected by Covid-lockdown, pastoral transitions, and changes in membership.

Last winter and spring, this committee filled in coordinating meals for Service N Learning (SNL) when staffing challenges led to a vacancy. Kyra Meyer served as a volunteer leader with the youth on Sunday mornings and will continue to do so this fall.

This summer, the committee coordinated two opportunities to get people together and connect: the Ice Cream Social and Community BBQ. In addition, they planned our 2022 summer VBS which ministered to 20 elementary-aged children from 9 am-3 pm each day the first week in August. The Committee planned and facilitated the afternoon activities: gathering and preparing supplies, leading, and providing cleanup. Dan Andersen provided his stellar "tiny-people corralling skills" as a volunteer each day, in cooperation with a volunteer from Bethesda and two camp counselors from EWALU.

Year-long Education programs include the St. Andrew's Book Club which typically meetings the second Tuesday of the month and the Faith Book Study which meets on Wednesday mornings at the HyVee West Market Grille AND the newly launched study of *The Story*.

Please extend your gratitude to these amazing volunteers as we head into our program year and continue to discern how we will grow in relationship with God and one another learning and growing together!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- Sunday, *Service N Learning*, 9 am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, *Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
  - If you have trouble with this link, go to [St. Andrew's YouTube Page](#)
  - [Last week's livestream recording](#)
- Sunday, *Fellowship*, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, *Faith Book Study Meeting*, 7 am, Hy-Vee West Market Grille
- Wednesday, *Choir*, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- Thursday, *The Story Zoom*, 11 am, Zoom
- Thursday, *Pine Ridge Donation Time*, 6-8 pm, Room 2 at St. Andrew's
- For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at [standrewsames.org/calendar/](http://standrewsames.org/calendar/)

### Thank You from Helen Gjerde

Thank you to the following individuals for your willingness to serve our community through the work completed on Helen Gjerde's garage: Don and Monica Behning, Laurie Evans, Steve Loucks, Dave Krumm, and Kris Parsons. This awesome team spent their Sunday afternoon on September 11 scraping and repainting Helen's garage. Thanks, y'all!

### Service N Learning September 18, *The Story* - Introduction

This week we started our exploration of the Bible, using a resource called *The Story*, a chronological rewriting of the stories from the Bible in narrative form. If you ordered a copy, books are now available in the office during office hours or on Sundays at Service N Learning or at the table in the narthex after worship. All are welcome to attend weekly sessions Thursdays on Zoom at 11 am or Sundays at 9:30 am; no need to register in advance. The following readings will be discussed on the Thursday/Sunday of each listed week.

- Week 2 (September 19-25): Chapter 1 "Creation: The Beginning of Life As We Know It"
- Week 3 (September 26-October 2): Chapter 2 "God Builds a Nation"

### Service N Learning Sunday Breakfast Schedule (All breakfasts provide juice, milk, and coffee!)

Please contact Miriam Moreno at [miriam@standrewsames.org](mailto:miriam@standrewsames.org) with any questions regarding the breakfast or with any allergies/food sensitivities if you plan to eat breakfast! We can accommodate most allergies or sensitivities given a heads-up by Friday evening!

- September 25: Ham and Cheese/Veggie Quiche
- October 2: Assorted Scones and Bacon

### Gear Up for St. Andrew's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Renaissance Faire October 2

Huzzah! St. Andrew's will be hosting our FREE Ren Faire on October 2 from 3-6 pm. Our annual celebration of all things medieval will feature free food (Thanks to Hy-Vee and Fareway!), house-smoked turkey legs, a Raising Readers booth, arts and crafts, games for all ages, musicians, singing and dancing, and fun goodie bags as you take your leave! Thank you to all of the committees for their continued support and hard work to make this an imaginative, enjoyable, and successful event. Please contact the office with any questions, and if you would like to volunteer, please contact Laurie Hoifeldt to arrange a time to pick up a costume.

## **Crop Walk is Coming Up October 9**

This year's Ames Area *Cropwalk for Hunger* will be held at Brookside Park on October 9. Check-in begins at 1 pm with the Walk starting at 1:30. While St. Andrew's is not currently planning on registering a team, participants are welcome to join or start a team of their own or to register as an individual! More information is available using [this link](#).

## **~NOTABLES~**

### **Worship Assistants This Week (9/18/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Kyra Meyer**  
Reader – **Jon Christy**  
Greeter – **Cheryl and Paul White**  
Ushers – **John and Carol Moran**  
Communion Setup – **John and Carol Moran**  
Communion Servers – **Jon and Janeen Christy**  
Tech – **Brent Anderson**  
Fellowship – **Pine Ridge**

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (9/25/2022)**

Assisting Minister –  
Reader – **Nikki Gerstenberger**  
Greeter – **Cheryl and Paul White**  
Ushers – **John Kovar**  
Communion Setup – **Paul and Cheryl White**  
Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve, Lynn Miller**  
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**  
Fellowship – **Social Concerns**

### **Happy September Anniversary**

Glynn and Dagmar Frank (4), Joann and John Kovar (4), Judy and Jim Denato (4), Jamie and Julie Riesselman (28)

### **Happy September Birthday**

Emily Frescoln (1), Lucas Gerstenberger (3), Christina McClelland (4), Dave Krumm (9), Al Jergens (10), Jamie Riesselman (11), Joan Aiton (11), Glynn Frank (13), Nicholas Jensen (13), Joann Kovar (15), Jim Denato (17), Ben Buck (22), Charlotte Johnston (23), Kathryn Baker (25), Tim Moran (25), Aaron Greving (29)

## **~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), **Karen Hardy** (Rita Peterson's

sister), **Susan Teas, Douglas John Putz** (brother of Dave Putz), 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.



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