

## September 2, 2022 Friday Flash

Dear Ones in Christ,

As we turn our eyes toward the ministries that will return this Fall (God's Work. Our Hands.; Service n Learning; The Renaissance Faire; etc.), I'd like to also point our attention toward the ongoing work of the church and its various committees over the last year. With Labor Day upon us this weekend, I'd like to ponder the results of the LABOR of St. Andrew's members to manage our property and keep it in good order in 2022.

### **Have you noticed ...**

... the fresh *concrete sidewalk, stairs, and metal handrails* added to the Columbarium and Garden entrance?

... the new *native plants installed* by the St. Andrew's front signage?

... the *refreshed playground area*, with 20+ bags of added mulch?

...the *lawn and landscape areas of St. Andrew's are always looking great, maintained* through weekly maintenance including mowing, weeding, and trimming down bushes and shrubs.

... the *freshly cleaned carpet* in the fellowship hall, offices, youth room and Sunday School rooms and hallway.

**You will soon notice ...** replacement of *countertops and mirrors* in the Sunday School hallway restrooms.

These are just some of the visible projects completed by the St. Andrew's Property Committee in 2022. In addition, behind-the-scenes projects have included addressing the Colorado Junction cash short-fall concerns and coordinating sale information; overseeing rental properties; church furniture inventory; Boiler Efficiency Study; additional electrical outlets for the sanctuary technology area and piano; inspection and purchase of fire extinguishers; property insurances review; and addressing maintenance issues as needed.

We could not continue to do the work of ministering to Share God's Love without the dedicated service of those that maintain, update, and care for our property! Please extend your thanks to the members and friends of the property committee for their often unseen hard work and dedication, including: Don Boyle, Dean Janssen, Lynnette Jensen, John Kovar, Nora Nelson, Joel Paulson, Carla Sacco (co-chair), Margaret Shreve, Linda Seaverson (co-chair).

I look forward to highlighting each of St. Andrew's ministry teams and committees in the coming weeks. My deepest gratitude to all who continue to serve in a multitude of ways so that St. Andrew's can continue to Share God's Love with a world in need of a message of hope and promise!

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
- Sunday, *Pride Ecumenical Service*, 1:30 pm, Collegiate Presbyterian Church
- Wednesday, *Faith Book Study Meeting*, 7 am, Hy-Vee West Market Grille
- Wednesday, *Choir*, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- Thursday, [A Transgender Life Concert](#), 7 pm, Bethesda Lutheran Church
- For a full listing of events, check out the St. Andrew's calendar at [standrewsames.org/calendar/](http://standrewsames.org/calendar/)

### God's Work. Our Hands T-Shirts

Thank you so much to all who ordered our newest St. Andrew's t-shirt! Those will be available for pick-up on Sunday, September 11. If you have not yet paid for the shirt, payment can be sent to the office via mail, dropped off in the office M-F from 9 am-3 pm, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning! We can't wait to see you all showing off your new St. Andrew's garb soon!

### 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.

- Breakfast, all ages, 9 am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday Adult study, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday Pre-K Class, 9:30 am, Nursery
- Sunday Youth, 9:30 am, Youth Room
- Sunday Elementary, 9:30 am, Room 4
- Thursday Zoom, 11 am, Link to be provided

Online registration is available [via this link](#) or you may contact the office. Registration forms are also available in the Narthex. 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. Books are now available in the office during office hours or on Sundays by request.

### Service and Learning with Breakfast; 9 am Beginning September 18

Our first meeting will include an introduction to our new curriculum, *The Story*, and breakfast which will feature **French Toast casserole, bacon, and assorted beverages!** 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!

### Pride Ecumenical Worship Service This Sunday

Ames Area Religious Leaders are proud to present a Pride Worship, an Ecumenical service featuring Ms. Penny Cost, the Drag Evangelist. This service will take place from 1:30-2:30 pm this afternoon at Collegiate Presbyterian Church, and will include worship, a love offering to benefit Ames Pride, and more! [Follow this link](#) to learn more about Ames Pride, Ms. Penny Cost, and/or the LGBTQIA+ community.

### **A Transgender Life: An Evening of Song and Story; 7 pm on Thursday, September 8**

Bethesda Lutheran Church is pleased to present Stephanie Dykes, Ph.D., a Seattle-based baritone using her voice as an instrument for social change. As a transgender woman and a Lutheran, she feels fortunate to continue singing in her post-transition life. The performance will take place in the Bethesda sanctuary and is wide-open to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted. Enjoy cookies and lemonade during intermission. Stephanie will be available after the performance for conversation in the Commons (fellowship hall) with anyone who wishes to stay and meet her. [Follow this link](#) to RSVP or learn more about this event!

### **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 September 11. Our fellowship time will also move to 11:30 am.

### **God's Work. Our Hands. Kickoff Sunday, September 11**

Service activities for God's Work. Our Hands. Kickoff Sunday will take place before worship 9-10:00 am and after worship. Projects include assembling homeless kits for Pine Ridge, signups for regular volunteer efforts in the Ames community, outreach to members of our partner congregations in Hedaru and Agape Tanzania, opportunities to contribute financially to local housing efforts through The Bridge Home, and a local painting project on Sunday afternoon! *If you want to participate in the September 11 afternoon painting project, please email the church office or fill out the form [using this link](#) so we know how many people wish to participate.*

### **Supplies for Homeless Kits Still Needed!**

One project for God's Work. Our Hands Sunday will be to assemble kits for the homeless. We are requesting donations for the kits, which will be used on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Place all donations in the Narthex in the collection box designated for the empty ice cream buckets. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Behning or Kris Parsons. **Donations still needed:** Washcloths, Bar soaps, Shampoo (travel size), Conditioner (travel size), Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Razors, Instant coffee, Small towels (hand towels), Lotion, Small laundry detergent (single issues), Foot powder, Bandages, Combs or brushes.

### **Painters Needed**

Help us improve the look of the Sunday School hallway for current members and guests! New counter-tops and mirrors will be installed soon, but a new coat of paint for the walls is needed. [We are asking for volunteers to help with the painting to be done in September.](#) If you can lend a hand with this painting project, please contact Lynnette Jensen (515-708-0355 or [markandlynnette@hotmail.com](mailto:markandlynnette@hotmail.com)) or Linda Seaverson (515-451-2883, [seaverson.linda@gmail.com](mailto:seaverson.linda@gmail.com)). *Please note: this project will NOT take place on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. This will likely be a weekday or Saturday project later in the month.*

### **Faith Book Study Continues This Week!**

Join us each week at 7 am at the West Ames Hy-Vee Market Grille! We will start off reading *Mere Christianity*, by C.S. Lewis, and it is not too late to join! Please contact Dave Krumm with any questions. Books are now available for pick up in the office and are \$15 each.

### **Save the Date for St. Andrew's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Renaissance Faire on October 2**

Huzzah! St. Andrew's will be hosting our Ren Faire on October 2 from 3-6 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!

### **Southeastern Iowa Synod Weekly Newsletter**

Did You Know? The Southeastern Iowa Synod puts out a weekly electronic newsletter that details events, local and global news, and ordinations, among other information! Check it out! Access the full e-newsletter [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. Thank you for assisting with worship at St. Andrew's!

## **~NOTABLES~**

### **Worship Assistants This Week (9/4/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Janeen Christy**  
Reader – **Philip Dixon**  
Greeter – **Pat Thompson**  
Ushers – **John and Carol Moran**  
Communion Setup – **John and Carol Moran**  
Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Mary Johnson**  
Tech – **Kris Parsons**  
Fellowship – **Fellowship**

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (9/11/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Dave Putz**  
Reader –  
Greeter – **Ruth Shreve**  
Ushers –  
Communion Setup – **Kris Miles**  
Communion Servers – **Margaret Sherve, Lynn Miller**  
Tech – **Don Behning**  
Fellowship – **Outreach**

### **Happy September Anniversary**

Glynn and Dagmar Frank (4), Joann and John Kovar (4), Judy and Jim Denato (4)

### **Happy September Birthday**

Emily Frescoln (1), Christina McClelland (4), Dave Krumm (9), Al Jergens (10), Glynn Frank (13), Nicholas Jensen (13), Joann Kovar (15), Ben Buck (22), 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), **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.