

~~~Welcome to the Friday Flash for April 2, 2021~~~

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear Beloved Disciples in Christ,

Last night we shared the meal and heard Jesus' new command, "That you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another," (John 13:34b). We recalled Jesus' act of service washing the disciple's feet. In the midst of betrayal and denial, Jesus' love was complete. As the altar was stripped, we held space for the pain of betrayal and denial.

And today, Good Friday, we will hear the account of Jesus' betrayal, conviction, crucifixion, and burial in John 18 as candles are extinguished and we focus our attention to the cross, upon which Jesus demonstrated his great love, his ultimate act of joining with humanity in suffering and death. And Holy Saturday is the space between. The space between death and resurrection. For many of us this year has felt like Holy Saturday ...waiting to gather with joy. And yet, even in our socially distanced, livestreamed gathering, Easter comes! And perhaps, Easter comes most profoundly when we find ourselves in the middle of a long Holy Saturday.

We are reminded that Jesus has defeated death and reunites all. That is the hope and promise we anticipate and to which we cling on Good Friday and Holy Saturday and celebrate on Easter Sunday. I look forward to celebrating this hope and promise with you on Easter.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

**Pastor Sonja Office Hours and Contact Info**

Feel free to stop in or call to greet Pastor Sonja during her Office Hours, Monday 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday noon-2 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m.-noon. Office Hours are hours you can generally come and Pastor Sonja is here and available. Pastor's day off is Friday. If you wish to schedule a time outside of office hours, you are invited to contact the church office to arrange an appointment. You can reach pastor at [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org) or call the church office at 515-292-2131. For emergencies, you can reach pastor at 515-554-4348.

~WORSHIP~

**Good Friday, Tenebrae Service with readings from John's passion account, April 2, 7 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday service continues into Good Friday as life and death stand side by side. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. We depart silently, in anticipation.

**April Easter Festival Worship with processional, Organ/Piano Duets, April 4, 10:30 a.m.**

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Hallelujah! There's nothing like the sound of the Hallelujah Chorus! Worship with St. Andrew's this Easter and enjoy a piano and organ duet of this powerhouse piece as we shout Hallelujah in celebration of Christ's resurrection.

**Second Sunday of Easter Worship with the SE Iowa Synod April 11, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Bishop Amy Current Preaching**

The office of the Bishop will provide a Service of the Word for the Second Sunday in Easter (April 11). This service will be pre-recorded, and Bishop Current will be preaching. St. Andrew's will post the link to the service in all the usual places (website, Facebook, Friday Flash). As congregations across the synod engage in this worship service together, we experience the larger gathering of the body of Christ in this expression of the church. We also express our thanks to the AV techs, musicians, and our music director Steven Hoifeldt for their faithful service in adapting to livestream worship services this year and continuing to enhance worship with their gifts.

**~ANNOUNCEMENTS~**

- **Office Hours for April 5-9** Heather will be on vacation April 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> so please direct anything urgent to Pastor Sonja at [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org), otherwise Heather will take care of it when she gets back on Monday, April 12.
- **The Blessings Box** in front of the church needs more non-perishable food items. Please, no more canned beans though. Thanks!
- **Edwards School** needs snacks for their students. You can drop them off at the church during office hours (9am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday), or contact Mary Johnson (515-231-0716) to arrange for her to pick them up from you.
- **Christ in Our Home** booklets are here for APRIL-MAY-JUNE. Contact the office at [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org) or call 515-292-2131 if you would like a copy.
- **Lenten Offering.** The Social Concerns Committee has designated the 2021 Lenten offering collection for MICA. Donations can be made by check or on-line. Please send your check to the church written to "St. Andrew's Lutheran Church" and put "Lenten Offering" in the memo line. On-line donations can be made through the "Give" tab on the church website and selecting the "Lenten Offering" option. Questions to Linda Seaverson, [seaverson.linda@gmail.com](mailto:seaverson.linda@gmail.com).
- **Saving Suds donations.** Donations can be made by check or on-line. Please send your check to the church written to "St. Andrew's Lutheran Church" and put "Saving Suds " in the memo line. On-line donations can be made through the "Give" tab on the church website and selecting the "Saving Suds " option. Questions to Linda Seaverson, [seaverson.linda@gmail.com](mailto:seaverson.linda@gmail.com).
- **Nancy Dobson Remembrance**  
Please join us for a Garden Party in mom's yard Friday, April 23rd  
Family 10:30 a.m.-5:00

Friends and neighbors 1:00-5:00  
Come and enjoy the space and share memories in the place she loved the most.  
1102 Scott Ave., Ames, IA 50014  
No RSVP is required.

## ~CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION~

### **Adult Forum**

Adult Forum will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:00 am. Join us again starting Sunday April 11 AM we discuss "How to be an Antiracist" by Ibram X Kendi (even if you haven't read/don't have time to read the book). Come enjoy our wonderful discussions as we learn together about racism in the world, our country, and in our own lives. Please join us!

### **One Star Youth Update**

We hope that you are all having a great week. It's Holy Week, so a very special time in the church year. We won't have confirmation or youth group this week and we encourage you to virtually attend the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service with your family. They both start at 7:00. And Easter is on Sunday! We will be having Sunday School that day before church. We hope to see you all then! A few reminders and updates about ongoing programming:

### **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation meets in the youth room on **Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 6:30**. Be sure to wear a mask and bring your blue Lutheran study bible if you took it home with you.

We will meet at our new time starting April 7th!

### **High School Youth Group**

High School Youth Group is meeting on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the youth room. Be sure to wear a mask. This semester we are walking through how to build and grow service organizations. It's a super applicable semester as many of you are interested in doing this. We're looking forward to working with you each week to bring your visions into reality!

### **Middle School and High School Sunday School**

Sunday School will continue to be online for right now. We meet Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 for bible study on the gospel lesson of the week. We resend the link to join each Sunday morning.

We WILL meet virtually on Easter!

### **Confirmation Camp**

We WILL be going to confirmation camp this year! Woohoo! Camp has announced that they will be open for campers. Blythe and Pastor Sonja will be accompanying the confirmands to camp. Stay tuned for dates and registration information soon!

## ~PRAYERS~

**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** (Gene Pollmann's sister), **Jen Tongay** (Sarah Runyan's sister-in-law), **June Lokken** (MaryJune Cain's aunt), **Alice Becher** (Stephen Loucks' mother), **Marjorie Allison**, **Sara Ojard** (Tom & Sharon Prochnow's daughter) **Kim** (Glynn & Dagmar Frank's daughter-in-law), **Gene Takle**, **Tammy Clarke** (Linda Hansen's cousin), **Lou Jordan** (Dagmar Frank's cousin), **Nancy Owen** (Carol Putz's cousin, battling cancer).

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.

Please send any announcements, prayers, or updates to the office at [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org) or call 515-292-2131.

### ~CHURCHWIDE NEWS~

#### **ELCA Young Adults: Abide, Registration Now Open**

Abide small group registration for individual and group participation leadership applications are now open for the Spring 2021 meeting series in small groups. Registration closes April 16.

<https://sites.google.com/view/2020fallabide/participant-registration?authuser=0>

### ~LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS~

#### **Story County Broadband Survey**

Story County, along with ten (10) other counties in Central Iowa, is participating in a study to determine the availability of adequate and affordable broadband service throughout our county.

An important part of this study is a survey of Story County residents. The Survey is open now through Tuesday, April 27 and can be accessed on the website for the [Greater Des Moines Partnership](https://www.dsmpartnership.com/growing-business-here-central-iowa-broadband-internet) (<https://www.dsmpartnership.com/growing-business-here-central-iowa-broadband-internet>), which is coordinating the study. There are two separate survey links:

We would appreciate it if you could share the survey links and help us encourage people to take the survey.

#### **Charitable Giving Webinar, April 1 7-8 p.m. CST**

Join us for this educational session to learn more about the planned giving opportunities that can help donors achieve their charitable, financial, and estate planning goals. Attendees will leave this session inspired by the generosity of other Iowans and with the tools they need to consider how charitable giving can become a part of their legacy. Presented by Joe Sorenson, CAP® Vice President of Affiliate Relations Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, and Liz Zuercher, Executive Director of the Story County Community Foundation. *Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Public*

*Library Friends Foundation, and Story County Community Foundation.*

<https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/events/charitable-giving-piece-puzzle-creating-your-legacy>