

~~~Welcome to the Friday Flash for October 22, 2021~~~

~WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Greetings! It is **WEEK THREE of St. Andrew's Stewardship campaign**, under the theme *Baptized and set free*. This week, we considered the baptismal promise to **"Extend the Good News through Care for Others and the World."** You can check out this week's stewardship video on [Facebook here](#) or on [YouTube here](#). We will also have it playing on the Narthex TV before worship this week. Watch as voices from the St. Andrew's faith community describe the ways they have **extended the Good News through Care for Others and the World at St. Andrew's**.

A reminder that the Stewardship campaign will culminate **October 31, Commitment Sunday, when you will be invited to return your Time and Talent and Pledge cards** as we prepare to give thanks and praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming work to all the world in 2022.

As we prepare budgets and plan for 2022, there is abundance all around us. Abundance of time, talent, and financial resources shared. Abundance of folks diving in to learn, grow, and serve together during our Sunday morning Service and Learning at 9 a.m. We will celebrate abundance as we welcome new members in worship October 31. And we remember the abundance we are able to see is a fraction of what God will do with our offerings of time, talent, and financial resources.

**Plan to join us for a luncheon after worship October 31 as we welcome New Members and celebrate Commitment Sunday of our Stewardship Campaign.**

Grace & Peace  
Pastor Sonja

*Pastor Sonja's Fall Office hours are: Tuesday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Office Hours are times you can generally come and Pastor is here and available for a drop-in visit. 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.*

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

**All Saints Sunday Remembrances**

In this week and next week's bulletins there will be half sheets of paper for you to list those who have been born and those who have died in the last year for remembrances on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will list these names in the bulletin that day and light candles for them during the service. They do not have to be congregation members; they can be anyone in your life. There will be a basket in the narthex to collect the sheets. If you can't make it to in-person services, you can email your remembrances to [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org). Please make sure to specify which are born and which are died so they get listed properly.

**Sunday, October 31, Join in Celebration Luncheon**  
**Stewardship Commitment Sunday**

We will CELEBRATE abundance **Sunday, October 31 on Commitment Sunday** as we encourage you to turn in your pledge cards and time and talent sheets as we round out the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church fall Stewardship Campaign: *Baptized and set free*.

**Welcome New Members**

We will ALSO **celebrate and welcome new members in worship October 31**. Following worship, please join in a luncheon to celebrate the Stewardship Campaign and welcome our new members.

**Wear Red for Reformation**

**October 31 is also Reformation Sunday**, where we remember the work of Martin Luther and the many reformers that paved the way for an understanding of grace as pure gift from God in Jesus, costly? – YES, but nothing that can be earned by merit or good works. The liturgical paraments will be red, and you are invited to **WEAR RED to celebrate how God is at working constantly making things new** (reforming) us, the work to which we are called as Church, and our understanding of God's work in the world.

**Help Needed - New Member And Stewardship Commitment Lunch Oct. 31st**

The Fellowship Team of only 3 people need helpful hands on October 31st. for the lunch after church. It will be a joyful occasion and we hope everyone is planning to come! Several helpers are needed in the dining room serving and assisting in the kitchen and cleanup. Please contact Gayle Osterberg directly if you can help - 515-451-3064 and leave a message or text, or [email\\_osterberggayle@gmail.com](mailto:email_osterberggayle@gmail.com), Thank you so much!

**St. Andrew's Giving Garden – Thanks to ALL Who Participated, Stay Tuned for 2022**

Thank you to participants in the Saint Andrew's Giving Garden project supporting Story County Plant-a-Row for the Hungry in 2021, which officially wrapped up its season last weekend. This summer, volunteers from churches, community gardens, and home gardens grew and donated 12,836 pounds of fresh produce, which were distributed to Story County neighbors in need. Since its inception in 2004, this program has distributed over 125,000 pounds of fresh produce in Story County.

If you would like to participate in planning discussions for our 2022 SALC Giving Garden program, please indicate so on your time and talent sheet or contact Janeen Christy at [janeen.christy70@gmail.com](mailto:janeen.christy70@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Kris Parsons, Dan Parsons and Laurie Evans for scraping and painting my house. All proceeds will go to the Pine Ridge Ministry. – Helen Gjerde

**Take the St. Andrew's Cross with You and be a St. Andrew's Ambassador**

Carry the St. Andrew's cross with you into the world and remember Christ goes with you always! Check out the Water bottles (\$20), Coffee thermos (\$15), and Decals (\$3) with the St. Andrew's Cross available for purchase (retail cost) on the table by the coffee table in Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. The prices are for retail cost of the items and decal. The decals can go on anything! Purchases are on the honor system: leave payment in the envelope, drop off in the church office or place in the offering plate with a note in the memo line what item you are purchasing.

## ~MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES~

### **Pine Ridge October Donations and November New Donation Days**

Please contact Almira Uemura 515-708-1617 for appointments to donate through October. Starting in November, there will be an additional donation time – Thursdays from 6-8pm. If you have questions about this new time, please leave a message for Kris Parsons at 515-231-9318.

### **Edwards School Needs Snacks**

St. Andrew's partners with Edward's Elementary to provide treats for classroom birthdays. You can bring snacks for Edwards School to St. Andrew's between 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays to drop off or on Sundays before/after worship on the table just inside the entrance of Fellowship Hall. The kids at Edwards Elementary thank you!

### **Help Provide Hospitality and Welcome: Seeking Fellowship Committee Volunteers**

The St. Andrew's Fellowship Committee is looking for additional members to help plan fellowship events to provide hospitality and welcome to all. Fellowship coordinates coffee hour after worship, funeral luncheons, and special meals. If you feel a nudge to get involved, please contact the church office at [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org), or committee chairs Gayle Osterberg [osterberggayle@gmail.com](mailto:osterberggayle@gmail.com) and JoAnn Kovar [joannkovar31@gmail.com](mailto:joannkovar31@gmail.com). There is a place for you here!

### **Be a worship volunteer! It's fun and easy!**

You are invited to consider how you may feel led to use your gifts in worship. The following volunteers are currently needed each week: Assisting Minister, Reader, Greeters, Ushers, Communion Setup, Communion Servers. You can see the volunteer needs and signup at [www.standrewsames.org/worship](http://www.standrewsames.org/worship), or call the church office at 515-292-2131 and Heather will help you sign up.

### **Love Singing? Choir Meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m.**

Come one and all! Director Steve Hoifeldt has a wonderful selection of music planned to enhance worship through choral music. Come to the sanctuary at 7 p.m. and join in the fun. Masks required. Questions? Contact [shoifeldt@standrewsames.org](mailto:shoifeldt@standrewsames.org).

## ~YOUTH~

### **Confirmation Monthly Event - Sunday November 7 11:30 a.m.**

Our first monthly confirmation meeting! Meet in the youth room after church (around 11:30). We will head out to lunch together. No need to send money with your youth, these meetings are covered. Parents, if you could stick around for just a minute so we can be sure we are good on rides, that would be awesome. We're looking forward to this! Let us know if you have any questions.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation families - you have already heard from us about what we hope confirmation will look like this semester. Confirmation is a combination of Sunday mornings in Service and Learning Hour and special events one or two Wednesdays a month. Please plan to attend on Sunday mornings as part of your confirmation program.

### **Confirmation Retreat January 14-16**

We will be attending a confirmation retreat with the rest of our synod at Ewalu Lutheran camp in January. This is a retreat you won't want to miss!

### **~NOTEABLES~**

#### **Happy Anniversary to**

Jennie LeGates & Fritz Wehrenberg (October 10th), Don & Monica Behning (October 15th), Dan & Kris Parsons (October 25th), Jon & Janeen Christy (October 26<sup>th</sup>), Phil & Shirley Parsons (October 27th).

#### **Happy October Birthday to**

Molly Putz (7th), Philip Dixon (8th), Daniel Andersen (8th), Helen Gjerde (8th), Harold Dorr (9<sup>th</sup>), Lori Paulson (9<sup>th</sup>), Sheryl Drury (9<sup>th</sup>), Dean Janssen (10<sup>th</sup>), Solveig Rice (13<sup>th</sup>), Spencer Geisinger (14th), Lowell Elwick (18th), Daniel Parsons (21<sup>st</sup>), Sharon Prochnow (28<sup>th</sup>), Richard Engen (30<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Worship Assistants This Week (10/24/2021)**

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**

Reader – **Pauline Miller**

Greeters – **Laurie Evans**

Ushers – **John & Carol Moran**

Communion Setup –

Communion Servers – **Laura Frescoln**

Tech – **Bruce Boeke**

Fellowship – **Outreach Committee**

#### **Worship Assistants Next Week (10/31/2021)**

Assisting Minister –

Reader – **John Kovar**

Greeters – **Sharon Mott**

Ushers – **John Kovar**

Communion Setup –

Communion Servers –

Tech –

Fellowship – **Worship and Arts**

### **~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 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), **Susan** (Glynn & Dagmar Frank's daughter), **Roxanne Labandz** (niece of Alice Thompson), **Pat Fawcett**, **Kolleen Tweed Sogard** (daughter of Violet & Maynard Tweed), **Robert Pollmann** (Gene Pollmann's brother), **Harlan Baker**, **Stuart** (cousin of Dagmar Frank), **Forrest & Joan Dubberke**, the family of **Jan Rutledge**.

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, of Pine Ridge Reservation, and of the Hedaru Parish 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.**

**~LOCAL~**

#### **ACCESS Fundraiser**

ACCESS, the nonprofit in Ames that supports victims of crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes, is hosting a fundraiser where community groups who raise over \$1,000 can go into a drawing for our grand prize. Access is noticing an uptick in requests for services from those who have been suffering alone. Community members can help us continue to serve them with the highest level of care possible by contributing to this fundraiser. Here is the link to our website with more information and fundraiser registration: [https://www.assaultcarecenter.org/en/about\\_us/events/](https://www.assaultcarecenter.org/en/about_us/events/)

#### **First Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Tailgate**

This is a FREE Community Event. There will be live music, food, and door prizes! Please contact Lisa Downs if you have any questions or would like to RSVP at 515-291-8595.

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1ST ANNUAL  
**FCA TAILGATE**

OCTOBER 26TH | 4:30

**LIVE MUSIC & FOOD**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH  
THE MID-IOWA FCA TEAM  
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
WHAT THEY'RE DOING IN OUR AREA!



**Speaker:**  
RJ Sumrall  
Area Director  
MID-IOWA FCA

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