

~FRIDAY FLASH~ April 1, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

Sunday, *Service & Learning*, 9 am, Fellowship Hall and [Zoom](#), with Breakfast

Sunday, *Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#).

Sunday, *Fellowship*, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, *Lenten Service - Holden Evening Prayer*, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary and [Livestream](#).

Wednesday, *Choir Rehearsal*, 7 pm, Sanctuary

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we transition through the last two weeks of Lent, we have another transition on the horizon. Heather Eddy has served as Office Administrator for St. Andrew's for the last seven years. She will be moving to Chicago, Illinois in April, and her last day with us will be April 15. Heather has served St. Andrew's with dedication and care, and I am deeply grateful for the many gifts she has shared with St. Andrew's. Her technical skills have enhanced St. Andrew's digital presence and expanded the reach of St. Andrew's through social media and the website. All have benefited from Heather's warm, joyous welcome by phone or in person. Please join us in thanking Heather for her many years of service to St. Andrew's! We celebrate this new chapter with Heather, even as we are sad to see her go.

In this fifth week of Lent, our devotionals reflected on the New Reality created through relationships, "Revolutionary relationships ... are live-giving, risk-taking, vulnerable, gracious, forgiving, diverse, and accountable." Thanks to Mary Johnson who shared her story of how she was ushered into this new reality through the people she journeyed beside in El Salvador. It is hard to believe that God provides new life so lavishly when we live in a world where everything has a cost. When we truly embrace this new life, it changes the world. And we are called to invite others into this revolutionary love.

One opportunity to INVITE others to share in love in the community at St. Andrew's is at our Easter Breakfast, April 17, 8:30 -10 am as we celebrate the New Reality Christ's resurrection brings, defeating sin and death and ushering in God's Kingdom of grace and love. Can you think of someone in your life who might benefit from sharing a meal and joining the community this Easter? Reach out. Invite them to come and see the lavish feast to which God invites all.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

***Pastor Sonja's Winter Schedule:*** Please contact Pastor Sonja directly at [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org) or 515-292-2131 to schedule an appointment so she can set aside time to meet with you. When not attending to needs outside the office, Pastor Sonja is generally in the office Mondays-Thursday, available via email, Saturdays by mobile phone, and any time via mobile phone for urgent needs at 515-554-4348.

## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

### **Office Administrator and Communications Manager Transition**

Heather Eddy has served as Office Administrator for St. Andrew's for the last seven years. She shared this week that she will be moving to Chicago, Illinois in April. Her last day with us will be April 15. Please join us in thanking Heather for her many years of dedicated service to St. Andrew's! We celebrate this new chapter with Heather, even as we are sad to see her go.

The Personnel Committee has begun work to review the current job description and begin a search for a new Office Administrator. We are in need of volunteers to handle basic office support beginning April 19. Please contact Laurie Hoifeldt at [lhoifeldt@gmail.com](mailto:lhoifeldt@gmail.com) if you are available to volunteer in the office.

### **Easter Flowers for Sale**

St. Andrew's will be selling Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary again this year, for you to honor/remember your loved ones. Due to time of year and transportation issues, there are a limited number of flowers available so it will be first come first serve on purchases. We have Lilies for \$18 each and Tulips for \$12 each. We will have 15 Lilies available and 12 Tulips available for purchase. Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter! Envelopes will be available in the narthex to fill out for your purchase. Thank you for supporting St. Andrew's Worship & Arts. If you have questions, please call Mary Johnson at 515-231-0716.

### **Pine Ridge Donations**

Pine Ridge asks that donations be cleaned prior to donation. This allows them to dedicate their energies to sorting and boxing the items for distribution and not spending funds and time to clean the items before taking them to the reservation, getting them into the hands of the people who need them faster. Thank you for your help in this.

### **Spring New Member Classes**

Pastor Sonja will be meeting this spring with individuals who want to learn more about the ministries of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. We will talk about opportunities to get involved and get to know: others at St. Andrew's; current ministries; hopes and dreams for the future; and basics of faith, worship, the Bible, and grace from a Lutheran perspective. If you are interested in being included or learning more, please contact Pastor Sonja, at [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org).

### **St. Andrew's Book Club is Back!**

We're back. Have you missed reading and sharing your insights with other readers? Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30. We will meet at 6:30 in the Community Room at the Village COOP, 2525 Bobcat Drive. Please bring your ideas for our first book. We will also discuss what day of the month works for most. ALL ARE WELCOME. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Johnson at 515-231-0716.

### **Lenten Service Project – Bring Your Donation Items**

During Lent, St. Andrew's has been collecting items to fill Welcome Boxes for refugee families served by Lutheran Services in Iowa. If you have taken a donation card, please bring the items listed by April 4. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Holy Week Services**

Join us for a festival worship service Sunday, April 10 for Palm Sunday with a Processional and dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative. We continue on Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm with Maundy Thursday worship including laying on of hands for healing, communion, and stripping of the Altar. This service continues on Good Friday, April 15 at 7 pm. Plan to join us as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross in preparation for Easter.

### **Care Team Being Formed**

One of the ways St. Andrew's extends care in the community is through communion visits to members unable to attend worship. A Care Team is being formed to increase the frequency of visits and help those unable to attend in person feel more connected to St. Andrew's. Care Team members will meet to receive training in how to make a communion visit, be provided with a communion kit (sent from a worship service), and receive names of individuals to visit. If you are interested in participating on the Care Team, please contact Pastor Sonja at [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org) or call the office at 515-292-2131.

### **Easter Breakfast**

Easter Breakfast will be an all-church-supported event this year. This year's breakfast will be St. Andrew's third community-wide gathering, following the Christmas Event and the RenFaire – ways we are reaching out to gather together with the Ames community and share the love of Jesus. It will be a time of celebration of Easter and a time to connect with neighbors near and far. Be on the lookout for opportunities to volunteer. A mailing advertising the breakfast will be sent to Ames neighborhoods, and we encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and enjoy community together at the St. Andrew's Easter Breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m. April 17.

### **Lenten Artistic Installation**

The Worship and Arts Team is coordinating a Lenten artistic installation that will "grow" over Lent. All are invited to add leaves with important moments from your faith life. As we each share our stories, our tree will blossom into spring, a visual representation of God at work in our lives. Leaves are available on the table in the Narthex. If you worship online and would like to have a leaf added to the tree for you, email Carol Putz at [carol.putz@gmail.com](mailto:carol.putz@gmail.com) and we will get your leaf added. We look forward to this opportunity to "share our stories" and "see" how God is at work in and through the people of St. Andrew's!

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### **Eastern Europe Crisis Response**

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their

humanitarian responses to the crisis in Eastern Europe. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits. **Gifts designated for “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.** Gifts will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. Donations can be made at [community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response](http://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response). Or mail a check payable to Lutheran Disaster Response, Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line and send to: **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ~ P.O. Box 1809 ~ Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.**

## ~COMMUNITY~

### Senior Variety Show Auditions

Auditions for the 26th Senior Variety Show will be Saturday, April 2, between 12:30 and 4 pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1416 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Call-backs will be Saturday, May 7, from 12:30 to 4 pm. This year's theme is "Antics Roadshow." Individuals and groups 60 years old and above are invited to showcase their musical, acting, comedy, and dancing talents to interpret this theme on the Ames City Auditorium stage at the August 19 and 20 shows. Acts are limited to 3 minutes. (Younger volunteers are invited to be accompanists, stagehands, and ushers.) Questions: Pat Meek (President), 292-8203. SeniorVarietyShow.org

## ~NOTEABLES~

### Happy April Anniversary

Brett & Shari Redies (19<sup>th</sup>)

### Happy April Birthday to

Kris Peterson (5th), Analise Gerstenberger (6th), John Kovar (12th), Betty Beard (17th), Roy Teas (17th), Nikki Gerstenberger (17th), Adeline Andersen (17th), Pat Thompson (17th), Laurie Evans (21st), Mary Johnson (21st), Carol Moran (21st), Janet Dixon (22<sup>nd</sup>), Laura Frescoln (22<sup>nd</sup>), Serena Paulson (26<sup>th</sup>), Richard Olson (27<sup>th</sup>), Miriam Takle (30<sup>th</sup>)

### Worship Assistants This Week (4/3/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**  
Reader – **Jon Christy**  
Greeter – **Linda Hansen**  
Ushers – **Don Boyle**  
Communion Setup – **Dan & Kris Andersen**  
Communion Servers- **Margaret Sherve, Mary Johnson**  
Tech – **Brent Anderson**  
Fellowship – **Fellowship Committee**

### Worship Assistants Next Week (4/10/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Kyra Meyer**  
Reader – **Margaret Sherve**  
Greeter – **Nora Nelson**  
Ushers – **Don Boyle**  
Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**  
Communion Servers- **Pauline Miller**  
Tech – **Don Behning**  
Fellowship-**Social Concerns Committee**

### Worship Assistants Midweek Service (4/6/2022)

Holden Evening Prayer Cantor – **Lynn Miller**  
Greeter –  
Ushers – **John Kovar**  
Tech – **Kris Parsons**

~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), **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), **Mary Martens** (going through chemo), **Lester & Alycia Carlsborg**, **Ben Buck**, **Stu Endorf** (Dagmar Frank's cousin), **James Loritz** (nephew of Alice Thompson), **Shirley Parsons**, **Doreen Blackmer** (Martha Huinker's daughter), **Karen Hardy** (Rita Peterson's sister), **Bob Buck** (Ben Buck's brother), **Courtney Anderson**, **June Larrow** (Gayle Osterberg's sister), the family of **Milt Allison**.

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 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.**