

~FRIDAY FLASH~ April 15, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- ❖ Friday, *Good Friday Worship*, 7 pm, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- ❖ Sunday, *Free Easter Breakfast*, 8:30-10 am, Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Sunday, *Festival Easter Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- ❖ Wednesday, *Choir Rehearsal*, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- ❖ Thursday, *Saving Suds*, 4-7 pm, Squeaky Clean Laundromat

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear Easter People,

On Sunday we will proclaim, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!" But before we make that glorious proclamation, we first sit in the devastation of Good Friday. Judas' betrayal. Peter's denial. Our recognition that we all fall short of the glory of God. And then Holy Saturday.

While we do not have a worship service to celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, I invite you to take a moment to recognize the hallow emptiness portrayed at the end of Good Friday worship that carries through all the way until we proclaim Christ's resurrection Sunday morning. This is the day Jesus descends to the dead. This is the day that exists between Christ's death and resurrection. It is often a day of busyness and preparation for Easter Sunday (or for early Easter gatherings). Yet, when we look to Jesus' followers, it is the day they sat, certain he was dead, convinced all they had hoped for would not come to pass.

Yet we know that is not the end of the story. In fact, the story of God's love for the world is still unfolding. What begin in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection continues as God invites you to participate in God's life-giving work in the world. We are called to share the Good News of God's love through word and deed. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Grace & Peace

Pastor Sonja

Pastor Sonja's Schedule: Please contact Pastor Sonja directly at 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~

Bible Milestone April 24

Parents and children of preschool, elementary, and entering Middle School join us Sunday, April 24. Pastor Sonja will pass out age-appropriate Bibles during worship and meet with kids and parents briefly after worship for a "Bible Milestone" Class to explore the Bibles and talk about ways to use your Bibles in your homes and begin talking about Jesus and a life of faith. If you know you will be coming, RSVP to Pastor Sonja (pastorsonja@standrewsames.org) or call the church office and provide the names and ages of your children. All are welcome! Kids. Grandkids. And Kids at heart!

Care Team Meeting May 4

If you are interested in serving on a team to visit homebound members of St. Andrews, join us on May 4 at 4 pm. 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 or call the office at 515-292-2131.

Welcome/New Member Class May 22

Pastor Sonja will be meeting after worship on May 22 with individuals who want to learn more about being a part 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, or call the office at 515-292-2131.

St. Andrew's Book Club

St Andrews Lutheran Church book club has chosen our first book. "The Butterfly Effect" by Rachel McKenny. Part of this novel is set in the butterfly exhibit at Reiman Gardens. It is a warm, uplifting story about relationships. We will get together on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30. Linda Hansen will host the discussion in the community room at The Village Co-op, 2525 Bobcat Drive. ALL ARE WELCOME. If you have questions, please contact 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.

~NOTEABLES~

Worship Assistants This Week (4/17/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**
Reader – **Lynn Miller**
Greeter – **Pat Thompson**
Ushers – **Don Boyle**
Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**
Communion Servers- **Margaret Sherve, John Kovar**
Tech – **Kris Parsons**
Fellowship – **Community Breakfast 8:30-10**

Worship Assistants Next Week (4/24/2022)

Assisting Minister –
Reader – **Pauline Miller**
Greeter – **Betty Beard**
Ushers – **Don Boyle, John Kovar**
Communion Setup –
Communion Servers-
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**
Fellowship-**Worship & Arts Committee**

Happy April Anniversary

Brett & Shari Redies (19th)

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 (22nd), Laura Frescoln (22nd), Serena Paulson (26th), Richard Olson (27th), Miriam Takle (30th)

~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), **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), **Courtney Anderson**, **June Larrow** (Gayle Osterberg's sister), **Susan Teas**, the family of **Bob Buck**.

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.

Please send any announcements, prayers, or updates to the office at office@standrewsames.org or call 515-292-2131.