

~FRIDAY FLASH~ April 24, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- ❖ Sunday, *Service & Learning*, 9 am, Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Sunday, *Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and Livestream
- ❖ Sunday, *Bible Milestone*, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Sunday, *Fellowship Time*, 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Wednesday, *Choir Rehearsal*, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- ❖ Thursday, *Council Meeting*, 6 pm, Zoom
- ❖ Friday, *Mary Ann Carlson Memorial*, 11 am, Sanctuary

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear People of the Resurrection,

What a joy it was to celebrate Easter together, in person, enjoying the gift of music shared by our many talented members and music staff! Thank you to all the volunteers and staff that made our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter worship services so special by sharing their time and talents. It is no small feat to pull all these details together, plan and rehearse music, prepare the space for each service, man the sound and live stream, and create an encounter with God in Christ. After two years of online Holy Week worship, what joy to be together this year. Please join me in thanking all who work diligently, week after week, to create meaningful worship services.

We also had the great joy of sharing in Easter Breakfast this year. What a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food. Volunteers from across the congregation joined together to put on an amazing spread and to welcome all who attended. Many thanks to the members of the Pine Ridge and Tanzania Ministry teams who coordinated the food, volunteers, prep, and cleanup, and all who participated in prepping food, welcoming guests, serving, cooking, and cleaning up. It is good to be the Church together!

We have a number of ways we continue to welcome ALL in the coming weeks. **THIS Sunday we will present Bibles to preschool and elementary-aged children during worship**, followed by a Bible Milestone for kids and parents in Fellowship Hall after worship. This is an opportunity to live out the baptismal promise made to place the scriptures in the hands of children. If you have a preschool or elementary-aged child/grandchild/neighbor/friend who you would like to invite, please do! I will have extras on hand, but if you know you will have a child attending, please let me know (pastorsonja@standrewsames.org).

On May 22 we will have a New Member – Welcome Class after worship for anyone interested in learning more about St. Andrew's ministries, how to get more involved, membership, and the uniqueness of what it means to be a part of a "Lutheran" church. This is a chance to get to know one another better, ask any questions you have and have time together. Please let me know if you plan to attend (pastorsonja@standrewsames.org).

As we celebrate the Good News of New Life in Jesus this Easter season, I encourage us to be looking out for ways New Life is springing forth around us – Look out for how God is at work in the world. I see God at work in each of you, sharing God's love through your daily interactions of love and dedicated service. Thank you for being the Church and sharing God's love with the world.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

Calling All Children! 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!

Service N Learning FINAL Session Starts this Sunday

Please plan to join in our FINAL Service and Learning session for the program year. We will be learning about the Reformation: what it meant when Luther nailed his 95 theses to the Castle Church in Wittenberg, how it became the development of the Protestant churches that separated from the Catholic Church, and what it means to be a church that continues to reform today. Our service focus will be Care for Creation – ourselves (Mental Health) and the world around us (Giving Garden). This is a great opportunity to LEARN and GROW together in a relationship across the generations.

Session 7 – Reformation Way (Care for Creation)

- April 24 – We are constantly reforming
- May 1 – Martin Luther
- May 8 – Contemplative Prayer Activity
- May 15 – Speaker: Mental Health Provider
- May 22 – Service Activity – Giving Garden

Fellowship Committee Birthday Celebration May 1

The Fellowship Committee invites the congregation to celebrate everyone's birthdays on May 1 during Fellowship. They will be providing birthday cakes and everyone is encouraged to try the various cakes.

Communion Visitation 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.

St. Andrew's 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 sitting 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 her 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 (4/24/2022)

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

Worship Assistants Next Week (5/1/2022)

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**
Reader –
Greeter –
Ushers – **Don Boyle**
Communion Setup –
Communion Servers –
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**
Fellowship –

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.