

~FRIDAY FLASH~ April 29, 2022

~THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S~

- ❖ Friday, *Mary Ann Carlson Memorial*, 11 am, Sanctuary
- ❖ Sunday, *Service & Learning*, 9 am, Fellowship Hall and [Zoom](#)
- ❖ Sunday, *Worship*, 10:30 am, Sanctuary and [Livestream](#)
- ❖ Sunday, *Property Committee Meeting*, 11:45 am, Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Wednesday, *Choir Rehearsal*, 7 pm, Sanctuary
- ❖ Thursday, *Council Meeting*, 6 pm, Zoom

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Dear Beloved in Christ,

What does it mean to be people of the Reformation – to be constantly reforming, changing, being made new? That is our focus during Service N Learning now through May 22. Last week, we had an introduction to the Reformation – what happened, why it happened, and how it has shaped our understanding of God's gracious love for us that has brought us to new life. This is not based on our actions, but because of God's action in Jesus. If you missed on the first session, or if you want to dig a little further, I encourage you to check out the movie Luther ([which can be viewed on a variety of platforms](#)) or, for a quick 10-minute refresher, [we watched this summary last week](#).

This week we will consider the results of the reformation – How the reformation changed our understanding of God's work in the world. And *we will consider how God continues to reveal Godself since the reformation* – that while we appreciate and cherish the ways the reformers opened up new ways of understanding, God is still at work revealing Godself, so we continue to reform, change, and understand in new ways as God's ongoing revelation shapes us.

On May 8 we will practice one way of caring for ourselves and listening for God through a Centering Prayer session. You won't want to miss it! Then, we will connect to our understating of our call to care for all of creation May 15 as Kelsey Finch, a local mental health provider, will be speaking to us about the mental health care needs in Central Iowa and how we can care for ourselves. On May 22 we will learn about the Giving Garden efforts from Nora Nelson and Janeen Christy and engage in a service project to support those efforts and care for creation.

I encourage you to "join us" [whether through Zoom](#) or in-person for these final sessions as we learn and grow together, deepening our relationship with God and one another relationship. Don't forget, WE HAVE BREAKFAST!! Come, enjoy breaking bread together, learning and growing, and living out our call to service as we finish this first year of Service N Learning strong! Thank you to the many faithful, dedicated participants who have regularly participated this year, and for our volunteers who have stepped in to provide breakfast each week in April and May.

See you Sunday!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Sonja

## ~ANNOUNCEMENTS~

### **Service N Learning: Reformation & Care for Creation**

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.

Upcoming lessons:

- 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 approximately 6 birthday cakes and everyone is encouraged to try the various cakes. People are to sit with others who have birthdays in the same month, or with those in the month before or ahead of their month.

### **Good Company Concert**

Good Company is a women's choral ensemble, directed by Steven Hoifeldt, will present their spring concert "Woven" this Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. right here at St. Andrew's. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door – see members to purchase. (Laurie Hoifeldt and Pauline Miller are members!) The group has been planning this set of music since before Covid and we are very excited to finally be able to share it with you!

### **Opportunity to Learn About Afghan Refugee Support May 3**

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and their partners will present Ukraine Crisis Update: Welcoming Our Ukrainian Neighbors on Tuesday, May 3 at 4 p.m. This webinar will provide an update on the current situation and the latest pathways to safety for those fleeing Russian aggression. Join us to learn more about [what you can do to support Ukrainians seeking safety](#), [our Stand Up, Speak Up program](#), and how communities like yours can prepare to welcome our newest neighbors. [Register to join in live on Zoom.](#)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **~NOTABLES~**

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (5/1/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**

Reader – **Mary Johnson**

Greeter – **Ruth Shreve**

Ushers – **Don Boyle, John Kovar**

Communion Setup – **Margaret Sherve**

Communion Servers – **John Kovar, Mary Johnson**

Tech – **Brent Anderson**

Fellowship – **Fellowship**

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (5/8/2022)**

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**

Reader – **John Kovar**

Greeter – **Pat Thompson**

Ushers – **Don Boyle, John & Carol Moran**

Communion Setup – **Margaret Sherve**

Communion Servers –

Tech – **Don Behning**

Fellowship – **Outreach**

## **Happy May Anniversary**

Natalie & Matt Hilleman (20<sup>th</sup>), Cheryl & Paul White (21<sup>st</sup>)

## **Happy May Birthday to**

Brittney Harryman (2<sup>nd</sup>), Mary Anderson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ken Israel (3<sup>rd</sup>), Craig Boeke (3<sup>rd</sup>) Boeke, Craig (3<sup>rd</sup>), Milt Allison (10<sup>th</sup>), Anita Klocke (10<sup>th</sup>), Nikolas Hawkins, (10<sup>th</sup>), Stella Goodman, (15<sup>th</sup>), Natalie Hilleman, (17<sup>th</sup>), Steve Hoifeldt, (18<sup>th</sup>), Matt Hilleman, (23<sup>rd</sup>), Steve Greving, (24<sup>th</sup>)

## **~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**.

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](mailto:office@standrewsames.org) or call 515-292-2131 by Wednesday at Noon.**