

FRIDAY FLASH~ NOVEMBER 12, 2021

~WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Greetings Friends in Christ,

Much behind the scenes work will take place in the coming weeks to prepare for some major milestones in the life of the church. **Your Stewardship pledges will be entered and an estimate of giving for 2022 calculated** which will then be used to **produce a proposed budget**. Council will look at the proposed budget and determine if the designations made sufficiently cover the ways St. Andrew's is working to grow in outreach to the community and care for those gathered.

The budget will then be provided to the congregation for a budget hearing after worship Dec. 5. This is your opportunity to take part in understanding the decisions made, clarifying any questions or concerns, and providing feedback. **Council will vote on the revised budget at its December meeting, which will then be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting after worship January 30.**

In addition, your Time and Talent sheets will be recorded and information provided to the ministry areas you indicated interest in supporting in 2022. **These teams/committees will be reaching out to YOU to talk and find out how you would like to use your time and talents** to support the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's in the coming year. Please **look out for a contact from someone on the teams you indicated interest in** (I know we all screen our calls a lot these days!)

Both the financial resources given and the time and talent shared are essential to the dreams we all have for the flourishing and growth of St. Andrew's as a faith community. **Growth means stretching, thinking about our ministries in new ways, and making commitments that trust in the power of God through the work of the Holy Spirit to inspire hearts and minds to stretch and grow beyond what is comfortable to what is possible.**

My call to ordained ministry and the commitment of time and financial resources to do so was not comfortable and involved much sacrifice and change for me and family. Yet, not only was it possible, but **it became the most life-giving journey we could imagine.** I look forward to the ways God will surprise St. Andrew's as we lean into the possibilities -- with all their risks and delight.

Thank you for your continued support through your time, talent, and financial support of

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. We are dreaming big and reaching far to spread the love of God in Christ Jesus to all! Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

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~

Special Installation Worship Service and Luncheon, Nov. 21

Please join us in the official 'welcoming' of Pastor Sonja on November 21. Pastor Dan Kuckuck, assistant to the bishop, will preach and preside over a Service of Installation for Pastor Sonja. Following service, you are invited to a meal hosted by your church council to celebrate and share the joy on this very special occasion!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social, Nov. 24, 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's will continue the tradition of a Thanksgiving Eve worship service using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy Wednesday, November 24, at 7 p.m. Following the service, all are invited to Fellowship Hall to enjoy a pie social – bring a pie to share as we enjoy tasting and fellowshiping together.

Saving Suds at Squeaky Clean on Thursday Nov. 18

St. Andrew's will be at Saving suds this coming Thursday, November 18 from 4-6 p.m. Saving Suds is a local ministry in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran to provide quarters and laundry soap at Squeaky Clean from 4-6 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month. Additional volunteers are always needed to greet participants and hand out quarters. [Sign up here](#) or go to standrewsames.org and click on the Saving Suds image in the slideshow. Saving Suds is also in need of financial donations to support its ministry. Online donations can be made here: standrewsames.org/give-online/.

If You Worship Via Livestream, a Way to be Involved

Just as we have greeters to welcome those who attend worship in person, St. Andrew's is looking for people interested in being online greeters for our Livestream worship services. These individuals would be asked to participate in the Livestream during the 10:30 a.m. worship time and reach out to those watching via the Comments section, introducing themselves and inviting those participating to do so also. Greeters would also be asked to bring a greeting of "peace be

with you” during the sharing of the peace and interact with Livestream participants at other times throughout the service. If you are interested in participating as a Livestream Greeter, please email office@standrewsames.org.

Open Call for Nominations: Council Opening for 2022

Council will have an opening for one new member for 2022 and is accepting nominations through December 15. Please consider if you or someone you know has the gifts, time, and vision to dedicate to the leadership of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Council members must be members of St. Andrew's.

Once nominations have been received, Council will make personal contact with those nominated by the congregation and invite the individuals to discern whether God is calling them to council leadership. If so, they will be asked to submit biographical information to be shared with the congregation (at worship and in the Friday Flash). Elections will take place at the January 30 Congregational Annual Meeting after worship. If you have questions about Council leadership, or to submit nominations, contact Council President Dave Putz (david.putz@gmail.com)

Thank You SALC- CROP Walk 2021

We raised almost \$500 thanks to your efforts this year for CROP Walk. Great job, everyone!

The Oyate Teca Project – Pine Ridge Reservation

The Oyate Teca Project (Young Peoples Project), founded in 1991, is a vital and functioning program that serves more than 700 Oglala Lakota youth through a variety of practical and carefully designed activities. Their mission is to promote the well-being of children and their families through culture, education, recreation, and health programs. They are a 501c3 non-profit organization centrally located in Kyle, South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; and are a highly regarded program with a great track record that provides an opportunity to engage the youth in a number of meaningful and wholesome activities intended for all ages. Many youth would not otherwise be able to access some of the services offered at the center. Please visit their Facebook page to learn more about this important project that St Andrew’s contributes to through donations.

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.

~MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES~

Pine Ridge November New Donation Days

Starting in November, there will be an additional donation time – Thursdays from 6-8 pm. If you have questions about this new time, please leave a message for Kris Parsons at 515-231-9318. There will still be a donation day on the second Saturday from 9-noon.

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, or committee chairs Gayle Osterberg osterberggayle@gmail.com and JoAnn Kovar joannkovar31@gmail.com.

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, or call the church office at 515-292-2131.

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.

~NOTEABLES~

Happy Anniversary to

Scott & Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger (November 3rd), Harlan & Kathryn Baker (November 9th – 73 yrs!), John & Carol Moran (November 19th), Richard & Sharon Olson (November 29th)

Happy November Birthday to

Gayle Osterberg (2nd), Sharon Anderson (3rd), McKenzie Geisinger (3rd), Ruth Shreve (4th), Kira Clouser (9th), Laurie Hoifeldt (15th), Rosemary Nelson (19th), Pauline Miller (22nd)

Worship Assistants This Week (11/14/2021)

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**

Reader – **Jon Christy**

Greeters – **Gayle Osterberg**

Ushers –

Communion Setup –

Communion Servers-

Tech – **Don Behning**

Fellowship – **Property Committee**

Worship Assistants Next Week (11/21/21)

Assisting Minister – **Janeen Christy**

Reader – **Jennie LeGates**

Greeters – **Paul & Cheryl White**

Ushers – **John Kovar**

Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**

Communion Servers- **Jon Christy, Laurie Evans**

Tech – **Brent Anderson**

Fellowship – **Social Concerns Committee**

~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, Diane** (Carol Putz's sister w/long COVID), **Mary Martins** (going through chemo), **Lester & Alycia Carlsborg**.

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, and 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 or call 515-292-2131.