

~~~Welcome to the Friday Flash for October 15, 2021~~~

~WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Greetings! It is week two of our Stewardship campaign, under the theme *Baptized and set free*. This week, we considered the baptismal promise to “Proclaim the Good News through Word and Deed.” You can check out this week’s stewardship video on [Facebook here](#) or on [YouTube here](#). We also HOPE have it playing on the Narthex TV before worship this week. Watch as **voices from the St. Andrew’s faith community describe the ways they have heard the Good News in and through Proclaiming the Good News through Word and Deed at St. Andrew’s.**

A reminder that the **Stewardship campaign will culminate October 31, Commitment Sunday, when you will be invited to return your Time and Talent and Pledge cards** as we prepare to give thanks and praise to God and bear God’s creative and redeeming work to all the world in 2022. Hopefully your Stewardship packet has arrived with your pledge card, Time and Talent sheet, and letter. If you did not receive it, you can pick one up from the table in the Narthex or email [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org).

As we spend time in October considering our time, talent, financial resources and how God has called each of us to steward these gifts for the sake of God’s creation, I invite you to journey with us in answering these questions about each week’s focus:

- What does it mean to you to Proclaim the Good News through Word and Deed?
- How have you experienced Proclaiming the Good News through Word and Deed?
- How does the world need St. Andrew’s to Proclaim the Good News through Word and Deed?
- What in our current efforts to Proclaim the Good News through Word and Deed efforts is bearing fruit? What might need to be pruned? What areas might we need to water, giving more time and attention?

**Consider commenting on the Facebook post with your thoughts on one or all of these questions (or share the post to your feed and add your thoughts.)** I look forward to returning on Monday and connecting with you. We will enjoy pulpit supply from Reverend Doctor Mark Mattes, Grandview University, this Sunday, October 17.

See you soon!

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~

### **All Saints Sunday Remembrances**

In this week and next week's bulletins there will be half sheets of paper for you to list those who have been born and those who have died in the last year for remembrances on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will list these names in the bulletin that day and light candles for them during the service. They do not have to be congregation members; they can be anyone in your life. There will be a basket in the narthex to collect the sheets. If you can't make it to in-person services, you can email your remembrances to [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org). Please make sure to specify which are born and which are died so they get listed properly.

### **Save the Date! Sunday, October 31**

#### ***Stewardship Commitment Sunday, Welcome New Members, Wear Red for Reformation***

We will CELEBRATE abundance Sunday, October 31 as we encourage you to turn in your pledge cards and time and talent sheets as we round out the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church fall Stewardship Campaign: Baptized and set free.

We will ALSO celebrate and welcome new members in worship October 31. Following worship, please join in a luncheon to celebrate the Stewardship Campaign and welcome our new members.

October 31 is also Reformation Sunday, where we remember the work of Martin Luther and the many reformers that paved the way for an understanding of grace as pure gift from God in Jesus, costly? – YES, but nothing that can be earned by merit or good works. The liturgical paraments will be red, and you are invited to WEAR RED to celebrate how God is at working constantly making things new (reforming) us, the work to which we are called as Church, and our understanding of God's work in the world.

### **Phishing and Spam Emails**

Just a reminder that Pastor Sonja and St. Andrew's will not send you email messages asking you to "do us a favor" or "get us some gift cards" or anything of that ilk. We will also only ever email from our official email addresses: [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org) or [office@standrewsames.org](mailto:office@standrewsames.org). Please do not purchase any gift cards for anyone saying they are Pastor Sonja – they are not her. If it seems even remotely fishy to you, forward it to the office and we can let you know for sure.

### **Council to Start Visioning Work**

The phrase "constant change" is often used to describe the world in which we live, with everything seemingly whizzing by faster and faster every day. I'd like to offer a slightly different view of the words "constant" and "change."

While the world is indeed a flurry and ever changing, there is a constant – God. God has been, is, and always will be there. Our mission as a church is to listen for how God is calling us to partner in his work in the world and to use the specific gifts God has given us to share his love with all in this rapidly changing world.

To better understand how St. Andrew's is called to share God's love in the world, Council members will be contacting households and asking a series of questions. The questions touch on things such as your

hopes and worries, needs you see in the communities in which you live, St. Andrew's strengths as a church, and areas where we may need to partner with someone to meet a need.

When the interviews have been completed, Council will review what was shared, identify common key themes/topics, and present a condensed summary (no identifying information) for the congregation to read, reflect, and comment on. The end result will be a confirmation of our vision as a church and a set of values that will help us focus on what we can, and should, do to be a light to all.

To help with arranging the interview (which can be in person, via Zoom, or over the phone), you may receive an email or text message asking how and when is the best time to reach you. Please be on the lookout for these. Hopefully, the email/text will include a reference to St. Andrew's (like SALC). Our timeline is to complete all of the household interviews by Thanksgiving in order to give Council time to process things between the holidays.

I am very excited to have Council reach out to you. In the past year and a half, opportunities to just sit, talk, and learn about each other haven't been abundant. The hope is these conversations will not only help us learn about ourselves as a body of faith, they will help rekindle the relationships that have always made St. Andrew's a special place.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing your thoughts!

Dave  
SALC Council President

### **Take a Leap of Faith!**

#### **Join in ALL AGES Service & Learning Sundays at 9 a.m.**

Sunday School and Adult education have joined forces to become SERVICE + LEARNING! We gather each week to share a breakfast meal, learn about a fundamental of faith life, hear about a local, national or international service effort, and apply our learning in service in the world!

We are offering Service and Learning in person and virtually. To join virtually via Zoom go to: [standrewsames.org/](http://standrewsames.org/) and scroll down to Connect Virtually and select the Service and Learning Zoom button.

### **St. Andrew's Cross Water Bottles, Coffee Mugs, and Decals Available**

Carry the St. Andrew's cross with you into the world and remember Christ goes with you always! Check out the Water bottles (\$20), Coffee mugs (\$15), and Decals (\$3) with the St. Andrew's Cross available for purchase (retail cost) on the table by the coffee table in Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. The decals can go on anything! Purchases are on the honor system: leave payment in the envelope, drop off in the church office or place in the offering plate with a note in the memo line what item you are purchasing.

~MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES~

### **Pine Ridge October Donations and November New Donation Days**

Please contact Almira Uemura 515-708-1617 for appointments to donate through October. Starting in November, there will be an additional donation time – Thursdays from 6-8pm. If you have questions about this new time, please leave a message for Kris Parsons at 515-231-9318.

### **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](mailto:office@standrewsames.org), or committee chairs Gayle Osterberg [osterberggayle@gmail.com](mailto:osterberggayle@gmail.com) and JoAnn Kovar [joannkovar31@gmail.com](mailto:joannkovar31@gmail.com). There is a place for you here!

### **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](http://www.standrewsames.org/worship), or call the church office at 515-292-2131 and Heather will help you sign up.

### **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](mailto:shoifeldt@standrewsames.org).

### **~YOUTH~**

#### **ELCA Youth Gathering Registration forms due 10/17**

The next ELCA Youth Gathering is THIS COMING SUMMER! Woohoo! Youth who will have completed 8th -12th grade this coming summer are eligible to attend. The Gathering will be in Minneapolis July 24-8th. St. Andrew's will be going. Remember to get your registration forms and deposit to Blythe by 10/17. If you weren't able to make the informational meeting and still need a packet, email [serviceandlearning@standrewsames.org](mailto:serviceandlearning@standrewsames.org), and we'll make sure a form gets to you. Remember, the earlier we register, the closer our hotel will be to the Gathering. Being close by makes a big difference on the early mornings and late nights!

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation families - you have already heard from us about what we hope confirmation will look like this semester. We are wanting to make confirmation a combination of Sunday mornings in Service and Learning Hour and special events one or two Wednesdays a month. Be on the lookout for an email with more details and dates to add to your calendars. In the meantime, please plan to attend on Sunday mornings as part of your confirmation program.

### **Confirmation Retreat January 14-16**

We will be attending a confirmation retreat with the rest of our synod at Ewalu Lutheran camp in January. This is a retreat you won't want to miss!

### **~NOTEABLES~**

#### **Happy Anniversary to**

Jennie LeGates & Fritz Wehrenberg (October 10th), Don & Monica Behning (October 15th), Dan & Kris Parsons (October 25th), Jon & Janeen Christy (October 26<sup>th</sup>), Phil & Shirley Parsons (October 27th).

#### **Happy October Birthday to**

Molly Putz (7th), Philip Dixon (8th), Daniel Andersen (8th), Helen Gjerde (8th), Harold Dorr (9<sup>th</sup>), Lori Paulson (9<sup>th</sup>), Sheryl Drury (9<sup>th</sup>), Dean Janssen (10<sup>th</sup>), Solveig Rice (13<sup>th</sup>), Spencer Geisinger (14th), Lowell Elwick (18th), Daniel Parsons (21<sup>st</sup>), Sharon Prochnow (28<sup>th</sup>), Richard Engen (30<sup>th</sup>).

#### **Worship Assistants This Week (10/17/2021)**

Assisting Minister – **David Putz**

Reader – **Jon Christy**

Greeters – **Pat Thompson, Paul & Cheryl White**

Ushers – **John & Carol Moran**

Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**

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

Tech – **Don Behning**

Fellowship – **Social Concerns Committee**

#### **Worship Assistants Next Week (10/24/2021)**

Assisting Minister – **Jennie LeGates**

Reader –

Greeters – **Laurie Evans, Laura Frescoln**

Ushers – **John & Carol Moran**

Communion Setup –

Communion Servers- **Laura Frescoln**

Tech – **Bruce Boeke**

Fellowship – **Outreach 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**, the family of **Jan Rutledge**.

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, of Pine Ridge Reservation, and of 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.

~LOCAL~

**ACCESS Fundraiser**

ACCESS, the nonprofit in Ames that supports victims of crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes, is hosting a fundraiser where community groups who raise over \$1,000 can go into a drawing for our grand prize. The grand prize currently consists of free group passes to Reiman Gardens, Perfect Games, No Escape Iowa, a large group gift basket from Chocolaterie Stam and group gift cards to local restaurants.

We are finally noticing an uptick in our requests for services from those who have been suffering alone. Community members can help us continue to serve them with the highest level of care possible by contributing to this fundraiser. Here is the link to our website with more information and registration:

[https://www.assaultcarecenter.org/en/about\\_us/events/](https://www.assaultcarecenter.org/en/about_us/events/)

**Lutheran Church of Hope Trunk or Treat**

Lutheran Church of Hope Ames will be hosting Trunk or Treat in their parking lot October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Tailgate

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