

~~~Welcome to the Friday Flash for October 8, 2021~~~

~WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

We are rounding out **Week One of our Stewardship campaign**, under the theme *Baptized and set free*. This week, we considered the baptismal promise to “Hear the Good News in Worship and Learning.” You can check out this week’s stewardship video on [Facebook here](#) or on [YouTube here](#). We will also 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 Worship and Learning 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. Be on the lookout for your stewardship packet to arrive in the mail this weekend with your pledge card, Time and Talent sheet, and letter.

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 *Worship and Learning* mean to you?
- How have you experienced *Worship and Learning*?
- How does the world need *Worship and Learning*?
- What in our current *Worship and Learning* efforts is bearing fruit? What might need to be pruned? What areas might we need to water, giving more time and attention?

**I will be away next week, stewarding my own learning by participating in continuing education.** I look forward to learning and growing so that I can return to share what I’ve learned in and through the ministries of St. Andrews as a part of God’s work in the world. **Please pray for me during my time away for safe travel, and that I might be nurtured and challenged.** We will enjoy pulpit supply from Reverend Doctor Mark Mattes, Grandview University, October 17. I look forward to returning October 18, filled up and spilling out with new ideas, learning, and energy.

See you Sunday!

Grace & Peace  
Pastor Sonja

***Pastor Sonja will not have office hours October 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. 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~

**Help Needed for Service and Learning this Sunday, October 10**

Are you enjoying Service and Learning opportunities on Sunday mornings? We need a little extra help

this week preparing breakfast, handling cleanup, and facilitating the Zoom experience. If you are able to help in one of these roles, please contact Pastor Sonja, [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org).

### **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/](https://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.

### **New Member Classes October 3, 10, and 24 at 11:45 a.m.**

Pastor Sonja will meet with individuals who want to learn more about the ministries of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church the first three Sundays in October. We will talk about opportunities to get involved and get to know others 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, [pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org).

### **~MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES~**

#### **Giving Garden Seeks Volunteers for Fall Produce Transport**

The St. Andrew's Giving Garden supporting Story County Plant-A-Row for the Hungry will continue collecting produce through October 10. Volunteers are needed to transport produce to Reiman Gardens on Sundays after worship and to assist harvesting produce for an hour each weekend at the Plant-A-Row community garden on Maple Street in Ames. Please sign up here: <https://standrewsames.org/local-ministries/>.

#### **Pine Ridge October Donation Day Cancelled**

Pine Ridge Donation Day for October is cancelled. Please contact Almira Uemura 515-708-1617 for appointments.

#### **Edwards School Needs Snacks**

St. Andrew's partners with Edward's Elementary to provide treats for classroom birthday. You can bring snacks for Edwards School to St. Andrew's between 9am-3:30pm 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), Phil & Shirley Parsons (October 27th).

### **Happy October Birthday to**

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

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

Assisting Minister – **Laurie Evans**

Reader – **Jennie LeGates**

Greeters – **Ruth Shreve**

Ushers – **John & Carol Moran**

Communion Setup – **John & Carol Moran**

Communion Servers- **Kris & Rita Peterson**

Tech – **Bruce Boeke**

Fellowship – **Fellowship Committee**

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

Assisting Minister –

Reader – **Jon Christy**

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

Ushers – **John & Carol Moran**

Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**

Communion Servers- **Laurie Evans**

Tech – **Don Behning**

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**, 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.

Most of us know someone who has been impacted by violence and this is a great way to support those victims and survivors. Over the last year and a half, victims of crime have not reached out for help as often as they typically would. We are finally noticing an uptick in our requests for services from those who have been suffering alone for that whole time. 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 the St. Andrew's parking lot October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.