

~~~Welcome to the Friday Flash for September 10, 2021~~~

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

It's here! It's finally HERE! This weekend feels a little like Christmas morning for those who have been dreaming, planning, and working hard to kick off fall ministries. It all ramps up THIS Sunday, and we need YOU. We need your perspective, personality, and presence as we learn, worship, and grow together, living out God's call to Love God and Love our Neighbor. Join in the fun:

- 9:00 a.m. All Ages Service & Learning Hour – Come, enjoy a hot breakfast, connect in relationship, and find out what this new ministry offering is all about.
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (note change in time for fall) – Enjoy the return of St. Andrew's Choir and liturgy led by instrumental ensemble.
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship – Connect over coffee and snacks.
- 3-6 p.m. Renaissance Faire – Community-wide event, invite your friends and neighbors to experience the fun, talent, and community that is St. Andrew's.

These events are a result of countless hours of volunteer time and effort. THANK YOU to each and every person who is giving of themselves to spread the word about St. Andrew's, creating meaningful opportunities to gather, and making God's presence known in the community. Freed in Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are sent to share God's love with the world!

See you Sunday.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Sonja

***Pastor Sonja's Fall Office hours will be: 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~

### Community-Wide Event for All Ages ~ Renaissance Fair THIS SUNDAY, September 12, 3-6 p.m.



St. Andrew's Lutheran Church invites all to a Renaissance Faire, complete with free food, festivity, fun and music. Spread the word:

- **Free food** - turkey legs, hot dogs, desserts
- **Crafts and games** for everyone
- **Madrigal singers and instrumental music**
- A **garden booth** full of produce and flowers
- Drawings for **prizes** donated by local retailers

### Prizes from Local Retailers/Sponsors for Renaissance Faire:

**Laurie Hoifeldt** - painting

**Cabin Coffee Co** - 2 gift cards and 2 half pound bags of coffee

**Duck worth Wearing** - 1 gift card

**The Loft** - 1 gift card

**Cafe Diem** - 2 gift cards

**The Noir** - 2 gift certificates

**Rollie Link** - 1 autographed complete set of his detective series

**Jason Jennings / Friedrich Realty** - swag bag of merchandise

**Morning Bell Roasters** - 2 gift cards

**Hy- Vee** - 1 gift card

**Jenuinely Pure** - skin care package

Please share with everyone so we can lots of people for the raffle drawings!

### ALL AGES Service & Learning Kickoff THIS Sunday, September 12, 9 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult education have joined forces to become SERVICE + LEARNING! We will gather 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! **This Sunday we will:**

- Break bread together around the table for **BREAKFAST**.
- **INTRODUCE** Service & Learning
- Answer your **QUESTIONS**:
  - WHY combine Service & Learning?
  - WHAT is intergenerational?
  - Why start with the BASICS?
  - WHAT will we do each Sunday?
  - WHAT topics will we cover this year?
- Most importantly, **GROW** in relationship with **GOD** and with **ONE ANOTHER** in new ways.



We are offering Service and Learning in person and virtually. To join virtually via zoom go to:

[Service & Learning Zoom](#)

### **Want to Learn More about St. Andrews and get connected? New Member Classes**

Pastor Sonja will be meeting this fall with individuals who want to learn more about the ministries of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. 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). Pastor Sonja will coordinate meeting dates and times with those interested.

### **Lutheran Disaster Response Giving Opportunity to Aid Hurricane Ida Relief**

Hurricane Ida hit New Orleans on August 30 as a category 4 hurricane, 16 years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the area. Massive flooding, wind damage, and storm surge have left over 1 million people without power and stranded.

The full impact of this storm is yet to be assessed, but the cost will likely be high and it will take years to rebuild from this hurricane. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with local ELCA synods and Lutheran social services to provide immediate needs such as food, basic necessities and temporary housing. But they need your help.

100% of your donations to the hurricane response-U.S. line go directly to assist those affected by the hurricanes. Scan this QR code or go to this link <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief> to give to Hurricane Response – U.S.



### **Giving Garden Seeks Volunteers**

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:

[Giving Garden Signup](#)

### **Pine Ridge Needs**

Pine Ridge needs ice cream buckets with lids for its homeless kits. If you have some to donate, please contact Kris Parsons (515-231-9318) or Almira Uemura (515-708-1617).

### **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!

## ~MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES~

### **In-Person Worship Volunteer Needs**

We are delighted to offer in-person worship again. As we express our deep gratitude for the volunteers who have made livestream worship happen this last year-plus, it will take many more willing hands and hearts to make in-person worship happen. 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](http://www.standrewsames.org), 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).

### **The Blessings Box**

The current focus is collecting items for personal care needs. Items such as, shampoo, deodorant, personal/menstrual hygiene, toothpaste, etc. are much appreciated and needed. We have enough bar soap at this time. Thanks!

### **Saving Suds Needs Volunteers This Thursday!**

Saving Suds is a local ministry to provide quarters and laundry soap at Squeaky Clean from 4-6 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month. St. Andrew's volunteers the third Thursday of the month and Bethesda volunteers the first Thursday. Volunteers are needed to greet guests and hand out quarters. It is a great night of hospitality, fellowship and service. You can find slots where volunteers are needed and sign up [www.standrewsames.org](http://www.standrewsames.org) or call Mary Johnson at 515-231-0716.



Donations can be made by check or online. Please send your check to the church written to "St. Andrew's Lutheran Church" and put "Saving Suds " in the memo line. Online donations can be made through the "Give" tab on the church website and selecting the "Saving Suds" option. Contact Linda Seaverson with questions, [seaverson.linda@gmail.com](mailto:seaverson.linda@gmail.com)

## ~NOTEABLES~

### **Happy Anniversary to**

Glynn & Dagmar Frank (September 3rd), Jim & Judy Denato (September 4th), John & JoAnn Kovar (September 4th), Jamie & Julie Riesselman (September 28<sup>th</sup>).

### **Happy September Birthday to**

Emily Frescoln (1st), Lucas Gerstenberger (3rd), David Krumm (9th), Al Jergens (10th), Jamie Riesselman (11<sup>th</sup>), Harlan Baker (13<sup>th</sup>), Glynn Frank (13<sup>th</sup>), JoAnn Kovar (15<sup>th</sup>), Jim Denato (17th), J. Ben Buck (22nd), Kathryn Baker (25th).

**Worship Assistants This Week (9/12/2021)**

Assisting Minister – **Dave Putz**  
Reader – **Solveig Rice**  
Greeters – **Pat Thompson**  
Ushers –**John Kovar, Don Boyle**  
Communion Setup – **John & Carol Moran**  
Communion Servers- **John Kovar**  
Tech – **Bruce Boeke**  
Fellowship – **Social Concerns Committee**

**Worship Assistants Next Week (9/19/2021)**

Assisting Minister –  
Reader –  
Greeters – **Paul & Cheryl White**  
Ushers –**Don Boyle**  
Communion Setup – **Paul & Cheryl White**  
Communion Servers-  
Tech – **Don Behning**  
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).

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~**

**Ames Pridefest**

Ames will celebrate Pridefest Saturday, September 11 from 1-4 PM with a "Pride Around Town" event. All are encouraged to decorate their windows, front yards, and cars to show their pride around town. For a \$10 donation to Ames Pride, you will receive a pride sign and recognition on their website. To support Ames Pride and get your sign go to: <https://www.amespride.org/shop.html>