

~~~Welcome to the Friday Flash for September 3, 2021~~~

~MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SONJA~

Labor Day marks the “end” of summer for many. As you settle into fall routines, plan to make participation in worship, service, learning, and community at St. Andrew’s a priority. There is a place for you here and you are needed ~ your gifts, your perspectives, your joys, and your sorrows. We look forward to growing in community together in the coming year. As we transition to fall programming, worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. starting September 12.

We will also kick off our ALL-AGES Service & Learning hour at 9 a.m. on September 12. We will start by sharing a meal together (get ready for yummy breakfast), connecting with one another, digging into the Bible and learning about God’s love for us, and engaging in service together. Each four weeks will have a focus for our learning and service together. We believe we grow in relationship with God when we grow in relationship with one another, and we look forward to growing with you. The content focus for each month is tentatively planned to be:

- **September** – Building the Groundwork for Group Work and Healthy Discussion
  - o What is Service and Learning, why all ages together, and why is it for me?
  - o Studying the Bible through a Lutheran Lens
- **October:** Holy Baptism & Hospitality and Welcome
- **November/December:** Communion & Food Security
- **January:** The Bible & Telling our Story
- **February:** Jesus & Welcoming the Stranger
- **March/April:** Reformation Way & Considering Mental Health
- **April/May:** Forgiveness & Being in community with our neighbor

And don’t forget to join us September 12 from 3-6 p.m. for our community-wide Renaissance Faire – crafts and games for everyone, madrigal singers and instrumental music, a garden booth full of produce and flowers – invite your friends, neighbors and family to get to know the goodness that is St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church.

God has big plans for this world ~ reconciliation, restoration, freedom from all that binds and brings death ~ and that plan includes YOU, beloved precious child. I look forward to seeing you soon as we grow together!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Sonja

Feel free to stop during my Office Hours, Monday 10 a.m.-noon, Wednesday noon-2 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m.-noon. Office Hours are hours you can generally come and I am here and available. My 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~

### Come One And All! ~ Renaissance Fair September 12, 3-6 p.m.



All are invited to this free community-wide event with food, games, music and frivolity! Come enjoy time together with family-friendly Renaissance-themed activities, food, woodwind and choral music and characters. This is a great event to invite friends, neighbors, (and even those ne're-do-wells) for fun and community. This is an opportunity for the community to get to know St. Andrew's as we extend God's love to the world. We can't wait to see you September 12 from 3-6 p.m.!

### NEW Service & Learning Hour: Grow in Relationship with God & Grow in Relationship with Each Other



Sunday School and Adult education have joined forces to become SERVICE + LEARNING! On Sundays beginning September 12, we will gather at 9 a.m. 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!

A variety of activities will be planned to be accessible for all ages ~ so no need to worry ~ there will be something for everyone. Most importantly we will learn and grow together as a community of faith and members of the body of Christ. No matter where you find yourself on

your faith journey, your age, or your life circumstance, there is a place for YOU!

We are currently looking for individuals passionate about service and learning interested in being equipped as "table guides" for conversations. If you would like to hear more about this possible role, contact Blythe Schultz ([serviceandlearning@standrewsames.org](mailto:serviceandlearning@standrewsames.org)) or Pastor Sonja ([pastorsonja@standrewsames.org](mailto:pastorsonja@standrewsames.org)).

### 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.

### **Give Now For 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.



### **Another way to contribute to the Giving Garden program at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.**

On Sundays in September, Janeen Christy needs 2-3 volunteers to assist with harvesting produce at the Plant-A-Row For the Hungry community garden on Maple Street in Ames. Each shift should take less than an hour. If you can help, please contact Janeen at 515-446-0405 or [janeen.christy70@gmail.com](mailto:janeen.christy70@gmail.com).

### **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!**

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 Begins Wednesday, Sept 1 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).

### **St. Andrew's Giving Garden**

This is for everyone -- experienced gardeners with garden plots, new gardeners who want help starting a container garden at home, and for those who don't garden but want to find out how to support this ministry in other ways. The Giving Garden at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church supports Story County Plant A Row for the Hungry. You can get involved by growing extra produce, harvesting, bringing it to church on **Sundays, July 4-September 12**, and placing produce in donation crates at church. Immediately following church, produce will be transported by SALC volunteers to Reiman Gardens, the Plant a Row for the Hungry collection site. Reiman Gardens/Plant A Row volunteers will refrigerate and distribute the produce to community organizations.

We still have an opening for people to help transport produce from the church to Reiman Gardens in September. You can view the transport schedule and sign up to transport produce at <https://standrewsames.org/local-ministries/>. Questions? Contact Janeen Christy at [Janeen.christy70@gmail.com](mailto:Janeen.christy70@gmail.com).

Produce Driver this week is **Laura Frescoln and Laurie Evans**.

### **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 Third Thursdays**

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 at <https://standrewsames.org/local-ministries/> 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 (9/5/2021)**

Assisting Minister – **Janeen Christy**

Reader – **Mary Johnson**

Greeters – **Carla & Randy Sacco**

Ushers – **Don Boyle, John Kovar, Randy Sacco**

Communion Setup – **Mary Johnson**

Communion Servers- **Jon Christy**

Tech – **Kris Parsons**

Fellowship – **Fellowship Committee**

### **Worship Assistants Next Week (9/12/2021)**

Assisting Minister –

Reader –

Greeters – **Pat Thompson**

Ushers –**John Kovar, Don Boyle**

Communion Setup –

Communion Servers- **John Kovar**

Tech – **Kris Parsons**

Fellowship – **Social Concerns**

### **~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>