



THE MINI-MESSENGER

Sharing the Weekly Message of Christ in Our Lives

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | March 16, 2017

Lenten Prayer Vigil Week Three:

The six themes for prayer during the **Next Chapter Prayer Vigil** are Worship, Family, Community, Mission, Stewardship, and Next Chapter. At the North Campus building you can find posters to highlight each of the themes.

This week, we highlight the third poster: **COMMUNITY**. In our suggested prayers, we remember our neighbors. We thank God for our hospitality ministry, local mission work such as free lunch, Let Us Feed Others, ecumenical Bible study, sports leagues in the multi-purpose room, organ concerts for the community, and anything that connects us with our neighbors. We listen for guidance.

Please join us in prayer by registering yourself or your group on the sign-up sheet by the coffee pots. If you have questions, call the church office (319/338.7523) or email us at withoureyesonchrist@saintandrew-ic.org. We can't wait to start praying with you.

Matthew 22:36-40 — "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hangs on these two commandments."

Financial Update

General Fund Giving		
	February	2017 YTD
Gifts	\$ 66,410.01	\$131,121.55
Expenses	\$ 63,653.84	\$131,897.19
Difference	\$ 2,756.17	\$ (775.64)

Order Easter Flowers



On Easter Sunday, April 16, St. Andrew will be meeting at the Brown Deer Club for worship. We will carry on the tradition of decorating our worship space with a "garden" of colorful flowering plants, and you are invited to participate! The Chancel Guild will obtain the plants from Iowa City Landscaping and place them in the worship space for Easter morning.

There are order forms on the credenza outside the church office where you can choose the plant(s) you wish to donate. The deadline for ordering is **March 21**. Questions? Talk to or email Rosemary Plapp at rplapp@gmail.com.

Friendship Dinners

We have several upcoming **St. Andrew Friendship Dinners: March 25, April 7, and April 22**. We would love for you to join us! Sign-up sheets can be found on the credenza outside the church office, or for more information, contact Connie Steele at connie.steele@gmail.com.

Next Chapter Deadline

The deadline to submit a recipe for the **Next Chapter Recipe Book** is Wednesday, March 22. Recipes received after the 22nd will not be included in the recipe book scheduled for April.

Add Some Color to Lent



We have several opportunities in March for adults who like to color. Our project: Work on Lenten posters that are patterned after the traditional Stations of the Cross, displaying specific scenes of Holy Week. Each of the eight posters is 24" x 36" and will be displayed in the hall outside the sanctuary. Three have been completed and are already on display. Now we are inviting adults to help with the project at these times:

Tuesday, March 21: Join us for *spark* (our ministry for kids in kindergarten-6th grade and their families). We serve supper at 5:45, sing at 6:15, and work on activities from 6:30 to about 7:15. On March 21, children and adults can choose whether to color the posters or create Easter decorations.

Wednesday and Thursday, March 22 and 23: Join us at the church starting at 9 am. Kids will be in school, so this is an adults-only project. Coffee and treats will be provided.

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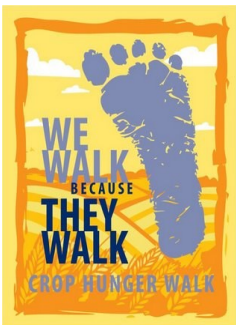
If none of these times work for you, please talk to Heather and we'll make the posters available at a time that fits your schedule! Heather can be reached at hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org.

To be the body of Christ, living in Christ's love, and serving as Christ served.

Stephen Ministry: Hospice for Caregivers

"I've heard of hospice, but isn't that for people with a terminal illness?" If you are interested in exploring hospice care, St. Andrew Stephen Minister, Donna Chen, a recently retired hospice nurse, will be presenting the role of the hospice caregiver. She will explore the care for the whole person in hospice, including the physical, emotional, and spiritual issues. Her presentation on Thursday, March 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm at the Heidger House is sponsored by the St. Andrew Stephen Ministry. Donna will focus on responding to "bad news" - our fears and anxieties; the difference between curing and healing; and the meaning of hope. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Ross iawoodsunrise@gmail.com, Graham Dameron graham3076@gmail.com, or Ted Potter thelawlibrarian@gmail.com.

CROP Walk on April 9



Join the **Annual Johnson County CROP Walk Sunday, April 9 at 1:30 pm** starting at the Crisis Center. The money donated is to help alleviate poverty and hunger both around the

world and locally. Did you know that CROP was involved in Haiti immediately following the earthquake? Working with Church Work Services, members constructed 78 houses, 78 latrines, built 10 water cisterns, distributed nearly 1900 trees and 8000 pounds of seed, 118 goats, 1610 chickens, and 15 cows. They continue to work there since the hurricane last year. If you want to donate, look for the donation envelopes in the entry or you can donate on-line at crophungerwalk.org. Any additional questions, please contact Lorna Dykstra 319/621-8813 or ictwo@aol.com.

Soles4Souls: March 1 - April 16

Instead of giving up carbs or technology this Lent, Kathi Anderson challenges you to donate the shoes you no longer need! What would happen if we fasted not to go without but to gain within? Bring your new or gently used shoes, tied together or bound by a rubber band, to the collection box in the entry at St. Andrew Sundays during Lent, or to Weber Elementary or Horn Elementary during Lent, and we will either deliver them to Guatemala or send them to Haiti through the Soles4Souls program in memory of Tonya Nicholson. Any questions or for additional details please contact Kathi Anderson at mainekids@mchsi.com or 319/341.3640.



***spark* kids** (Kindergarten through 6th grade), their families and leaders created a **Prayer Flag** with 40 prayers for 40 days of Lent. Here are this week's prayers with the authors:

Monday, March 13: Helpful families (Maddie)
Tuesday, March 14: Broken hearts (Ryan)
Wednesday, March 15: Next Chapter (Lucy)
Thursday, March 16: World Peace (Lexi) and Hope (Lucy)
Friday, March 17: Safety (Ivy and Makenna)
Saturday, March 18: No Pollution (Tanvi)

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Vacation Bible School

"Surely the LORD is in this place and I did not know it!"
Genesis 28:16

HERE!

June 12—16, 2017 | 9:00 am—11:30 am

Vacation Bible School

When you are planning your summer schedule, be sure to include **Vacation Bible School**. Kids and leaders are invited to join us from 9:00 to 11:30 am, June 12-16 at the church. Registration forms for participants and volunteers are now available on the credenza outside the church office. **VBS** is for children who are 4 years old and entering kindergarten in the fall of 2018 through those who are entering 6th grade this fall. During our time together, we will learn about people who found themselves in interesting places (like a fiery furnace, in the belly of a whale, and more) and how they found God right there beside them. The registration fee is \$10 by May 31 or \$25 after May 31.

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