

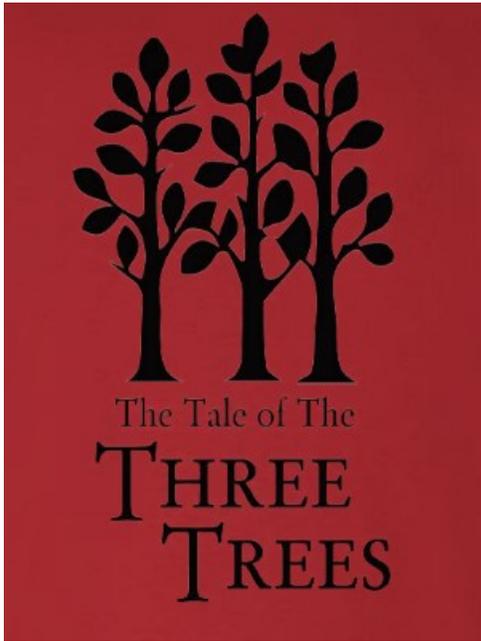


THE MINI-MESSENGER

Sharing the Weekly Message of Christ in Our Lives

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church | March 23, 2017

Children's Musical



Please join us for the children's musical Sunday, April 2, during both worship services (8:30 and 11:00 am). The Cantate Choristers will be leading us in worship by presenting *The Tale of The Three Trees* by Allen Pote and Tom S. Long.

Friendship Dinners

We have two upcoming **St. Andrew Friendship Dinners: 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.

Women's Salad Supper

Please save the date! The **Women's Salad Supper** will be held on the evening of **Tuesday, May 2** at the church. Details to come in the April issue of the *Messenger*.

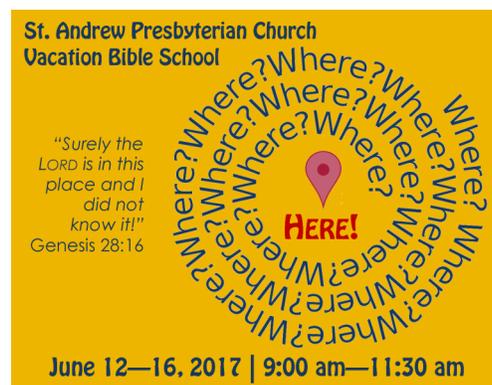
Soles4Souls: March 1 - April 16

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 (only on Sundays), Weber Elementary, or to 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 20: Teachers (Brody, Isaac, and Thomas)
- Tuesday, March 21: People who need help (Lillian and Linnea)
- Wednesday, March 22: New church building (Vivian)
- Thursday, March 23: Help after natural disasters (Tanvi)
- Friday, March 24: Freedom (Ivy and Makena)
- Saturday, March 25: Family (Andrew)

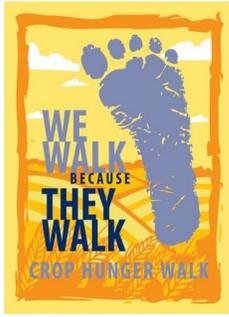


Vacation Bible School

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.

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

CROP Walk on April 9



Did you know that 19,320 people in Johnson County are food insecure and that 43% do not qualify for federal nutrition programs? 4260 of these people are children. The Crisis Center of

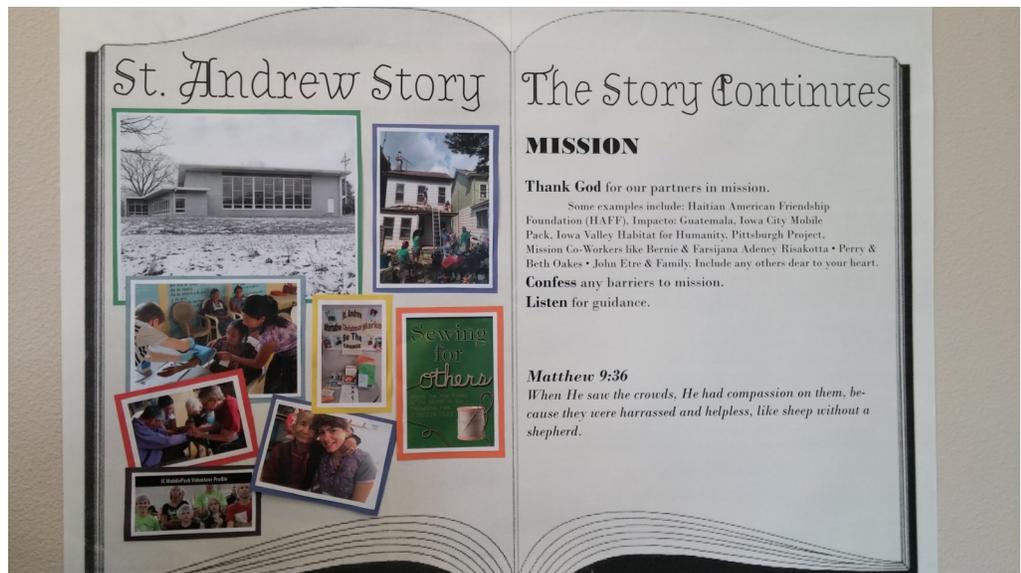
Johnson County provided food to 12,483 people last year, 5070 of which were children. Please walk with us on **Sunday, April 9, at 1:30 pm** to show your support of those who are hungry. There is a poster with envelopes for donations in the entry of the church or donations can be made online at crophungerwalk.org. Any additional questions, please contact Lorna Dykstra 319/631.5332 or icltwo@aol.com.

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 jawoodsunrise@gmail.com, Graham Dameron graham3076@gmail.com, or Ted Potter thelawlibrarian@gmail.com.

Geneva Lecture

Geneva Lecture Series welcomes sociologist Felicia Wu Song. Come hear Professor Song talk about how the digitization of everyday life impacts our experience of the human condition **Thursday, April 7, 7:30 pm** at Van Allen Hall, LR1 at the University of Iowa. Visit www.geneva-ui.org for more information.



Lenten Prayer Vigil Week Four

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 fourth poster: **Mission**. In our suggested prayers, we remember the importance of our national and international mission work. We thank God for our partners in mission. 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 9:36 — When he saw the crowds, he had a compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

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:



Thursday, March 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.

Wednesday and Thursday, March 29 and 30: 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.

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.