

Network



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Reflections by Pastor Craig

What's the rush? Seriously, what is the big hurry? As the season warms, I am getting in longer bike rides and venturing out on the local roadways and it confirms what I have been pondering for a while now, everyone seems to be in a hurry as we travel from one place to the next. I see many things when riding and it often gives me pause to think, why do people (myself included) need to get from one place to another so quickly? Is destination that important? Are we that important that we travel with destination on our minds rather than taking the effort to slow the pace, take notice of what is around us and perhaps enjoy the journey? I know I am often viewed as an inconvenience when I share the road for I have been honked at, waved at (not the hello, glad to see you, kind of wave), ignored (passed with no regard for the three foot law), or what I call "gassed" which is when drivers rapidly accelerate after passing and thereby leaving a poof of unburned gas exhausted for my next breath. In truth, I do not believe many of these experiences are planned and purposeful but simply reactions to circumstances that challenges one's belief that we somehow own the road or space that we occupy.

With cell phone technology, our automobiles have become extended offices and opportunities to check on family members and friends. People are listening to music and podcasts while out for a morning or evening run, hike or bike ride. It has occurred to me that as a whole, people are becoming selective with human connections and instant availability has lessened our practice of patience. I do not believe we intentionally ignore one another or willingly choose not to notice or care. I just think we are focused and have task on the brain which literally drives our lives with little or sometimes even no thought to other possibilities.

In this season of Easter, there are stories that relate to people who are also set on a mission, running and hurrying about. On first read, it might seem the reason has to do with schedules or appointments. But in reality, it has less to do with getting to work, or accomplishing a task for there were no appointments to keep. No timed commitments. No soccer games, meetings, work hours to manage (sounds refreshing). No, the pace was quickened in response to the excitement to share news that what seemed like an ending was actually a new beginning. What seemed to be the death and end of Jesus was actually the fulfillment of resurrection promise and that kind of news is so worth telling that people were eager to run to the tomb, run back to Jerusalem, dive into the water to hurry and meet the resurrected Lord.

How does that reality change our view of the world around us? How does that knowledge influence our hurried pace and cause us to zoom out to pan the world around us and begin to see others not as inconveniences but as opportunities to share in life and to learn from one another and find ways of sharing in the good news message of the resurrected Jesus and his hope for the world? Life has a way of slowing us down and awakening our awareness: illness, injury, loss of job, family transitions, natural crisis, change in job responsibility, impending death, or a simple flat tire or failed alarm. We face many opportunities as reminders that our lives and our time are, in reality, not ours at all but, are gifts entrusted to us by God for a time, and the best we can do is apply and care for the relationships, opportunities, resources as best we can so that we live out our days in ways that are meaningful, fulfilling and grateful for what we have. There is indeed good news in that and I am eager to share that with others. How about you? Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The life and ministry of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church shall be open to all who wish to express their faith in God through Jesus Christ by *worship, learning, witness and service.*

– From Mission Statement



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Weekly Worship

Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am

Sunday Summer Worship Times

Begin May 28

8:00 and 9:30 am

Thursday Worship All Year

12:15 and 6:15 pm



Soup Sale

Sunday, May 21

All remaining frozen soup from Lenten Soup and Sandwich will be available for sale following the 8:00 am service until it is gone. A free-will donation will be received.

CROP Walk

Mark your calendar for October 1 to participate in the Wausau Area CROP Walk. In 2016 there were 1,006 Crop Walks in which 120,761 people walked raising \$10,026,610 for the various projects of relief that Church World service supports in the U.S.A. as well as around the world.

Play Group at SALC

Friday, May 12, 10 am

Bring your children who are not yet in pre-school for conversation, fellowship and a time for playing. Join the group on the **second Friday of each month.**

OWLS

The OWLS group will not meet in May. Please watch the Network for details for the next gathering.



Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, May 21** during worship in support of VBS.

Fair Trade Products

Orders have been sent to both Equal Exchange and SERRV to restock the supply of coffee, tea and chocolate. All of this will be available on **Sunday, May 21.** Thanks for your support.

SIGN UP NOW! NEW 2017 SAINT ANDREW PHOTO DIRECTORY

May 16-19 (Tuesday-Friday); 2-9 pm

May 20 (Saturday,); 9 am-4 pm

May 23-25 (Tues-Thurs); 2-9 pm

June 1 & 2 (Thursday & Friday); 2-9 pm

June 3 (Saturday); 9 am-4 pm

Sign up now to schedule your photo session either online through the Saint Andrew website, www.salc-wausau.org or at church through the office or in the Fellowship Hall on the Sundays of May 7 and 14.

If you would be willing to assist with volunteer scheduling or appointment registration for photo sessions please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or shelby@salc-wausau.org. Time commitments are short and can be scheduled at your convenience.



Each family will receive a **complimentary 8x10 photograph**, a **free directory** and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs. **Bring in a non-perishable food item for the food pantry and receive \$5 off a purchase!** A **complimentary \$10 coupon** will also be available at the time of photo viewing.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on **Sundays, May 14 and 21 at 10:45 am** in the Chapel. New members will then be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **May 28.** If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by *Friday, May 5.*

"PAINT BY NUMBER" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a fun way to volunteer at church? Gather together as a family, group or team to help paint a wall mural in one of four Sunday school rooms in the north wing—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Walls will be sketched out and ready for painting in May after Sunday school ends. Scenes are from the Spark Bible and if you can hold a brush, you can do this! Think paint by number! A sign-up sheet is available on the Information Desk

SPRING TREASURE SALE

Friday, May 5, 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Saturday May 6, 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Bring in your gently used donations for the Treasure Sale then come back and shop for new treasures! Donated items should be in good working order and in very good condition. The following items will not be accepted: computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances or exercise equipment. A free-will donation will be received for most items. All donations will support the summer VBS program at SALC.



SALC Food Pantry Current Needs

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs:

Canned tomato products

1# Bags of rice

Cream of mushroom soup

Jelly

Canned fruit

Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the food pantry!

**Note: expired food cannot be utilized.*

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Gene Tesch. Thank you for all gifts received in honor or in memory of someone special. If you would like to give a memorial gift to Saint Andrew, please contact the church office.

Blood Pressure Checks

SALC volunteers are available in the Activity Room on the *3rd Sunday* of each month, 9-9:30 am, to assist you in a free blood pressure check. These are not diagnostic but informative. No sign up necessary. Basic blood pressure information is also available.

Pastoral Care

As a practice, three area hospitals are contacted during the work week to inquire about member hospitalization. We are grateful when we learn about pastoral care opportunities and make every effort to respond in a timely fashion. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office.

GOOD NEWS HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DRIVE



Saturday, May 13, 9 am-3 pm

Good News Project will be accepting donations of used home medical equipment such as wheelchairs, rolling walkers, grabbers, shower chairs, canes, etc. in the Saint Andrew parking lot. These supplies will be used to stock their Health Equipment Lending Program, H.E.L.P., offering short-term loans to people in the Central Wisconsin Area. About a dozen volunteers will be needed, in two shifts. If you are interested in helping, please contact Good News Project at 715-843-5985.

SHARING THE GIFTS WE OFFER

Each quarter the Church Council chooses recipients for a benevolence contribution from Saint Andrew. This past quarter, a total of \$3500 was given to Crossways Camps, River Valley Victims Family Fund and the ELCA Synod Assembly offering.

The Social Ministry has also chosen recipients to receive proceeds from the Lenten Soup & Sandwich meals. Wausau Warming Center, Harde's Hope, Wausau Women's Community and SALC VBS have each received \$250.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you for recycling your paper in the **Blue Magic Paper Box** at Saint Andrew. In the first two months, 2.28 tons have been collected, providing revenue of \$45.60 which will be used for the Youth Summer Mission Trip Transportation costs.

Thank you to all who helped to **Stack The Rack** with hundreds of items which have been donated to local agencies providing care and comfort to area homeless residents and those in need. Please hold in prayer all those who will receive these items and the continued work of the local agencies who assist them.

The Property ministry would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the **spring clean-up** successful - thank you for your participation! We look forward to more quality outdoor time with our church family in the fall. It is great to have the church grounds clean and ready for summer!

ECSW SYNOD ASSEMBLY

This year the assembly's community outreach project will benefit the Homme Youth and Family Services in Wittenberg. Craft items to be collected will include: fabric scissors, pins, needles, buttons and more. A list of items and more details is available on the Information Desk in the Narthex.

The regional expression of the church will meet in Green Bay May 19 & 20 to worship together, conduct church business, and learn more about how we can be church together through the theme: "We are Lutheran: Building Bridges Across All the differences that Divide." Please pray for Saint Andrew's voting members who will go on behalf of the entire congregation: Bob and Terri Wiederhoeft, Russ and Alice Van Skike, Dayna Herald, Kerry Fehrman, and Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION!



Crossways is working together with the North Central Conservancy Trust on a conservation easement for the property of Waypost on Mission Lake. A celebration of the easement will take place on **Saturday, May 13** and will run "open-house" style from **1:00-5:00 pm** at Waypost Camp. (Another fun thing we will celebrate that day is Waypost's 75th birthday!) Held in partnership with North Central Conservancy Trust, we are all thrilled to celebrate the long-awaited conservation easement on the Waypost property! This event will be open to the public and will include property tours, guided nature hikes and pontoon boat rides led by experts, educational speakers, snacks and refreshments, and fun youth games and activities. A **featured presentation** will take place at **2:00 pm** and will be followed by additional speakers at 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm, including a local archaeologist. Come for the whole celebration or just stop in to see what camp is all about. We can't wait to see you at Waypost on May 13! Waypost Camp is located at 351 Crooked Lake Road, Hatley.

LET'S GO TO SUMMER CAMP!!

Each summer, Crossways Camps receive children of all ages and families for time to build community, play in God's creation, and engage in personal development including faith formation and worship opportunities. With programs ranging from a couple of days to a couple of weeks, check out www.crosswayscamps.org and see if there is a program that would benefit your child as they develop their life of faith.

FIRST FAITH "SUMMER SESSION"

Children 2 years old through Kindergarten are invited to participate in First Faith through the summer months during the 9:30 am worship service. The First Faith room is a place for children to hear stories, sing and dance, color and play with their new friends. First Faith "Summer Session" will begin on June 4. No registration is necessary, but parents are asked to sign-in their child in the classroom.



LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

As Sunday school winds down, we take time to thank First Faith families, Sunday School teachers and confirmation mention mentors for another year of learning and growing through Christ. As the calendar turns to summer, it would help us greatly to know who we might call upon next year to lead us in this way this upcoming year.

About 30 caring adults are needed each year to serve as Sunday school teachers, substitutes, and confirmation mentors. All of the curriculum is provided and the Christian Education Ministry and staff are ready and able to provide needed support and coaching. Please speak with one of the pastors or contact the office if you have questions or interest in growing deeper in your own faith as you build relationships and connect with those who are called to learn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

May

Fri.-Sat., 5-6
Sunday, 21

Treasure Sale (to benefit VBS)
Last Day of Sunday School

June

18-23

Confirmation Camp

July

24-28

Vacation Bible School (VBS):
"Water of Life"

August

27

Blessing of Backpacks

September

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7th & 8th Grades Confirmation
Orientation

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"God's Work. Our Hands"
Rally Sunday during 9:30
Worship Hour
Church Picnic at 10:45 am



APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT UPDATES—SUMMER MISSION

ASP Investors welcomed! July 8-16, Saint Andrew will be sending 14 high school youth and 6-7 adults to Knox County, Kentucky to participate in projects that will help make homes safer, warmer, and dryer for community members. We could use your help! During the month of May, youth attending the trip will be selling “ASP Stock.” For a donation of any amount, you will receive an ASP investor button and certificate, the name of a prayer partner for the duration of the trip, a post card from Kentucky, and an invitation to a return trip picnic where students who attended the trip will share stories and pictures of the connections they made.

GOT A TRUCK?! Willing to part with it for a week? Or better yet... willing to accompany the truck to Kentucky?

Since our group is large for the area we are serving, it would help the folks at ASP if we had the flexibility of providing a “floater” with a pick-up truck that can deliver supplies to the three sites where we will be working throughout the week. Ideally, the truck would be a later model that could handle mountain roads with a covered bed. If you are interested in learning more or donating to the trip, please speak with Pastor Jenn or Mark Clark at 715-571-0391.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers!

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN MAY

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
May 7	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Weidman	Eric Verber Nate Card	Shirley Bickford & Jim Jacobson Amy Frolik & Mary Wittich	Keith & Sandi Rusch Amy Frolik & Pam Mielke
May 14	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Johnson	Ray Skare Dewey Allen	Mike & Julie Spalding Jess Tipple & Susan Paisar	Mike & Jeannine Matushak Roger & Ruth Poutanen
May 21	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	Shepherd	Alex Cappel Lynn Lawson	Mary Kregel & Joanne Howard Brandon & Melissa Murphy	Jason & Linda Rickstad Jason & Dede Gnatz
May 28	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	A	<i>Please call the office to volunteer</i>		Sheldon & Connie Geiger Craig & Marni Holmes

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	2 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	3 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:10 PM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	5 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Treasure Sale	6 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Treasure Sale
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Synod Assembly Convention - Green Bay						
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28 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP w/New Members Received	29 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office Closed	30 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	31			

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WE PRAY

For Baptisms:

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism, we lift up those children, parents and sponsors who have recently been received or will be received into the family of faith. We pray especially for:

Anders Edward Smithback - March 5
 Jorgie Casey Brummer - March 26
 Bryce David Shuda - April 23
 Samuel Gregory Tennant - April 23
 Ava Elizabeth Burazin - April 30
 Levi Thomas Hader - June 4

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

For the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:

Sara Quirt Sann

PRAYER CENTER

In response to personal requests, the Prayer Center list will not only be recognized in worship but also on this side of the calendar each month. As you review the day to day list of events that take place at Saint Andrew, please also give consideration to those who have requested prayers. Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? *(Please ask first)*. Call the church office at 842-3333 to have names added to the list at the Prayer Center. Names will be updated on a regular basis.



FOR THESE WE PRAY...

Ali	Judy	Tom	Katie
Ashley	Leann	Yvonne	Sue
Babs	Lynne & Dan	Dixie	Jim
Barb	Monica	Laura	Waleen
Brian	Nikki	Bob	Craig
Callie & Zak	Robin	Frank	Carl & Penny
Carrie	Steve	Pam	Brian
Charles & Gerry	Tom	Kim	Joyce
Chris	Tyler	Bobby	Adam & Rose
Dennis	Ella	Angie	Aiden
Elaine	Clayton	Ruth	
Jean	Amy	Mary	
Jerry	Meg	Jerry & Mary Ellen	

Thank you, Lord, for always answering prayer, but not indulging my every petty, private request. Thank you for winnowing and refining, vetoing and delaying, refusing and revising. Thank you for being God and never less, for freeing me for wide horizons, for protecting me from my limited vision and wayward will. Thank you for foiling my every effort to unseat you and make myself king. Thank you for keeping it safe for me to pray.

—Gerhard E. Frost

From Seasons of a Lifetime: A Treasury of Meditations (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1989, p. 118)



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Upcoming Events/Activities

May 5 & 6		Treasure Sale
May 7 & 14	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
May 12	10:00 am	Play Group
May 16-19	2-9 pm	Photo Directory Sessions
May 20	9 am-4 pm	Photo Directory Sessions
May 21	9:30 am	Reception of New Members
May 21		Last Day of Sunday School
May 21		Soup Sale
May 23-25	9 am-4 pm	Photo Directory Sessions
May 28	8 & 9:30 am	Summer Sunday Worship Begins
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