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.*

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Reflections of Spring by Pastor Craig

The writer of Ecclesiastes says, "for everything there is a season…" Year after year, the pattern repeats itself, spring blossoms return, leading into the long warm days of summer. Fall colors announce the anticipated harvest which then gives way to the fallow months of winter. At least that is how the pattern takes place in this part of the world. I have long valued living in the mid-west where there is a distinct pattern of seasonal changes. I have pondered over the years which season is my favorite but in truth, each one holds special memories and serves a specific function so it is not a consistent choice. While I do enjoy winter—hikes in the woods, the blanket of fresh snow, appreciation for a time of at least symbolic rest—I am also eager for the arrival of spring once again. I am excited for the grass to green up, the trees to blossom and leaf out and the lengthening of the daylight hours. With the month of March, comes the arrival of spring, at least according to the calendar. I recall many a March where blizzard conditions hit hard as a reminder of winter's reluctance to give up easily. Such shifts in seasons reminds me of the patterns of life and which of these I prefer. As a child I could not wait to grow up but the older I get, the more I ponder what it might be like to return to younger years reflective of childhood memories. I would like to think that I am still in the summer season of my life and have much growing and maturing to do and yet I realize that just ahead is the autumn season and next the winter's rest. I am not depressed by this reality but rather am curious for whatever lies ahead for I know that the patterns and seasons of life go on and the changes that accompany them are part of a divine pattern that gives us reason to live with hope. While we may appreciate some seasons of life more than others, the reality is, that the seasons of life do come and yes, they do go. How we embrace the seasons makes all the difference for how we live through them.

As the journey through Lent continues, we also know there is another season that is just ahead. With the cross yet before us, we know an empty tomb is beyond it. This year, Easter is on April 1. What a wonderful April Fools reality that will be. Good Friday—Jesus has died, but Sunday morning—"April Fools," he is risen!

Weekly Worship

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

Lenten Theme:

"Lord Teach Us To Pray"

February 27—Your Kingdom Come
March 7—Your Will Be Done
March 14—Give Us Today Our Daily Bread
March 21—Forgive Us Our Sins as We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us
March 29—Save Us From the Time of Trial
March 30—Deliver Us From Evil
April 1—For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory Are Yours

Lenten Dates to Remember

March 25—Palm Sunday
March 29—Maundy Thursday
March 30—Good Friday
April 1—Easter Sunday

New Member Orientation

Sundays, March 4 & 11 at 10:45 am

Orientation will take place in the Activity Room. New members will then be received during the ***9:30 am worship service on Sunday, March 18.*** If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please sign up by calling the church office, 715-842-3333, by ***Friday, February 23.***

OWLS

Tuesday, March 6, 11:30 am

Join the OWLS for a potluck lunch followed by a presentation by Lori Scheubring from Wildbirds Unlimited. All are welcome to come and learn about our feathered friends!

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on ***Thursday and Sunday, March 15 & 18*** during worship in support of the SALC library.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on ***March 18, 9:00-9:30 am*** in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

Fair Trade Products

Sunday, March 18

We have a good supply of coffee, tea, and chocolate for your desires. Your purchases help small land owner farmers to improve the lives of the people in their communities. Please support this work with your purchases of Fair Trade products.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich

Soup and Sandwich fellowship follows 12:15 pm worship and is also before and after 6:15 pm worship on ***Wednesdays in Lent.*** A third soup, "Cook's Choice," will also be offered each week. Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go is available. Order forms are available on the Information Desk.

March 7	March 14	March 21
Cheesy Potato	Northwoods Cheese	Chicken Dumpling
Chicken Noodle	Chili	Pea

Easter Altar Flowers

Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths and Easter Lilies can be ordered for $16 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order forms are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex. Order deadline is ***Sunday, March 11.***

Easter Food Baskets

Saturday, March 24, 10 am

If you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 ***by March 19.*** Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

Soup/Sandwich Thank You Brunch

Wednesday, April 4, 9:30 am

Social Ministry would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals with a thank you brunch at Saint Andrew. Please RSVP if you are able to attend at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org

"Lamb of God" Easter Concert

"Lamb of God", a sacred work for choir, orchestra, soloists and narrators, recounts the events of the final days of the life of Jesus Christ through the eyes of those who loved Him and knew Him best. This multi-faith Easter concert will be held at the Grand Theater in Wausau on ***Sunday and Monday, March 18 & 19 at 7:00 pm-free admission.*** Dress rehearsal will take place at Saint Andrew on ***Saturday, March 17 at 3:00 pm.*** All are invited to attend at the Grand Theater or at SALC for the dress rehearsal.

Easter Breakfast

A traditional Easter breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham, seasoned potatoes, fresh fruit and muffins will be served from 7-9:30 am in the Saint Andrew Fellowship Hall. Your free will donation will support Vacation Bible School this summer. Pull tags will be available soon on the Information Desk in the Narthex for needed food items. Volunteers for serving and clean-up are also needed—sign up will also be available soon on the Information Desk.

Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday

Children are encouraged to bring a hard-boiled, decorated Easter egg to the 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 am Easter worship. Eggs will then be donated to the Salvation Army following the services.

Hygiene Drive

Help support area homeless residents through local agencies by donating items such as laundry soap, hair, dental and other personal care and cleaning products. A pull-tag board and collection box are available in the Fellowship Hall through mid-March to place donated items. All donations will remain in the community. Thank you for your support!

Spring Clean-Up

Sat., April 21, 8:30-12 pm

Plan to join in fellowship and care of Christ's church cleaning up the grounds. Alternate date in case spring isn't quite here is Saturday, April 28. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Information Desk in the Narthex.

SALC Memorial Gifts

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.

Memorial Gift Dedication

The Sanctuary stained glass windows will be dedicated on ***Sunday, March 18 during the 9:30 am worship service.***

Pastoral Care

As a practice, three area hospitals are contacted during the work week to inquire about member hospitalization. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care during a particularly challenging time, please contact the church office.

Cabin Fever Craft Day

Sunday, March 18, 10:30 am - Activity Room

Enjoy another day in fellowship and crafting. Bring in your art or craft project to work on. Enjoy warm snacks and warm conversation. No project—no worries—a feel-good project and supplies will be available! No need to sign up—just come!

Did You Know?

Your 2017 contributions assisted Saint Andrew in benevolence support of the following:

- Crossways Camping Ministries
- SALC Scout Troop
- SALC Library
- March 22nd Shooting - Victims Fund
- ASP Mission Trip Thank You Offering Gift
- ELCA Disaster Relief and World Hunger
- Lutheran World Relief Quilts and School Bags Shipping
- The Wausau Women's Community
- AODA Partnership - Push Back Against Drugs
- Wausau/Everest Schools - Blessings in a Back Pack
- Habitat for Humanity
- The Wausau Warming Shelter
- Wausau Hospice House
- Share The Holidays (Benefiting the Neighbors' Place and the Salvation Army)
- Zeerust Lutheran Church
- The Marathon County Humane Society
- SALC Seminary Support - Matt Seegert at Wartburg Seminary
- Hardel's Hope
- Area Hygiene Drive
- Adaptive Communities
- The Open Door of Marathon County
- Covenant Community Presbyterian Hearts of Hope

2018 Council Members

The following individuals will serve as members of the congregation council and liaisons to the following ministries for 2018. Please pray for their efforts as they work together to fulfill the mission and ministry at Saint Andrew. (*Indicates newly elected members)

Ken Luer - President
*Kerry Fehrman - Vice President
Denise Skare - Secretary
Mike Howlett - Financial Secretary

Dayna Herold	Christian Education
Tammy Schilling	Fellowship
Lyn Weis	Finance/Stewardship
Ken Luer	Memorial Gift
*Kerry Fehrman	Personnel
*Chris Hagen	Property
*Sandra Fischer	Social
Mari Card	Worship
Lisa Werger	Youth

The Saint Andrew Church Council meeting dates are listed below and begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

March 22	July 26	November 20
April 26	August 23	December 18 (6:30 pm)
May 24	September 27	
June 21	October 25	

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume in March and continue on its pattern of the first and third Wednesdays of the month – during Lent, it will begin at 11:00 am.

First Communion Instruction

For three weeks in March, students and families will have interactive conversation to learn about Holy Communion. A mailing has gone out with more information to fifth grade students and their parents. For those who are beyond fifth grade and interested in First Communion, please contact the office for more information.

Classes:
Sundays, March 4, 11 and 18; 4-5:30 pm
First Communion Worship
Palm Sunday, March 25, 2:00 pm

Christian Education Dates

March	
Sunday, 4	**First Communion Class**
Monday, 5	**Confirmation Camp Registration Due**
Sunday, 11	**First Communion Class**
Sunday, 18	**First Communion Class**
Sunday, 25	**Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins**
	First Communion Worship - 2 pm
Thursday, 29	**Maundy Thursday**
Friday, 30	**Good Friday**
April	
Sunday, 1	**Easter Sunday**
	No Sunday School
	Easter Sunday Breakfast (benefits VBS)
May	
Sunday, 21	**Last Day of Sunday School**
June	
10-15	**Confirmation Camp**
July	
23-27	**Vacation Bible School**

Crossways Camp Early-Bird Deadline

Calling all outdoor, Christ-following, fellowship-seeking enthusiasts. There is a summer camp available at Crossways Camping ministries for you! Camp is not just for kids or for confirmation students. Check out the Crossways website, www.crosswayscamps.org for more information on all summer camping opportunities. Brochures are also available at Saint Andrew on the Information Desk. ***Please note the Crossways Earl-Bird Discounted Rate deadline is March 15.***

Confirmation Camp-Mark Your Calendar!

Camp is an awesome opportunity in the faith formation of confirmation students here at Saint Andrew. We are going to Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley ***June 10-15***. Registration forms are available on the Information Desk. ALL confirmation students should attend camp at least once. ***Please note deposit and forms are due to Saint Andrew Monday, March 5.***

SALC Activity Photos

If you or your family have attended or been involved in an event or activity at SALC and have photos, please consider sharing them with the church. They can be dropped off on a disc or thumb drive or emailed to office@salc-wausau.org. Thank you!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

As noted last month a total of **$3,623** was received in 2017 from members of Saint Andrew who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Saint Andrew. Thank you! For those who have Choice Dollars yet to share, the deadline of March 31 is coming soon. All contributions received through Choice Dollars are designated to the SALC Endowment Fund.

Spring Treasure Sale

Mark your calendar for ***early May*** to bring in your gently used donations for the Treasure Sale. 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.

Assisting in March

	Time	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Altar Guild	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Team 6	Team 2	Team 2	Team 3
Usher Team	**8:00 am** **9:30 am** ***2:00 pm**	Johnson	Shepherd	A	Tipple ***First Communion**
Lay Readers	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Goetsch Cheryl Allen	Dick Jarvis Card	Verber Paisar	Nelson Lawson
Greeters	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Garton Kyhos	Radloff Paisar	Czerwinski Murphy	Jacobson/Rickstad Rusinek
Nursery	**9:30 am**	Ben & Alison Johnson	Watford	Lancelle	Lemirand
Fellowship	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Sprik Mielke/Frolik	Larson McDonald/Wittich	Jarvis Clemment	Jacobson/Soukup Wiederhoeft
Cookie Bakers	**7:30 am**	Mrotek	Luer/Alafouzos	Lemke	Frolik

Lectionary Readings

March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1--15:47

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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18 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Worship w/Reception of New Members **9:40 AM Sunday School Classes** 10:45 AM WORSHIP **4:00 PM 1st Communion Class** 6:30 PM Bible Study	*19* 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:30 PM SALC @ Good Shepherd	*20* 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	*21* 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 12:15 PM Lenten Worship w/Soup & Sandwich 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM Lenten Worship w/Soup & Sandwich 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	*22* 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Council Meeting	*23*	*24*
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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:

Andrew Jameson Koeppel - *January 7*
Bronson Charles Puig - *January 11*
Arya Jo LaVaque - *January 28*
Harper Lynn Burnett - *January 28*
Ruby Lee Punke - *February 4*

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Patrick Bresnahan

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...

Aaron	Lynne & Dan	Tom	Charles
Ali	Meg	Yvonne	Zoe
Arlen	Monica	Dixie	Riley
Ashley	Nic	Laura	Jeff
Babs	Nikki	Frank	Rebecca
Bill	Pam	Pam	Luke
Brian	Pete	Angie	Clayton
Callie & Zak	Robin	Ruth	
Charles & Gerry	Tom	Jerry	
Jennifer	Tony	Sue	
Larry	Ella	Helen	
Leann	Amy	Merlin	

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

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, March 11 at 2 am
Remember to set your clocks *ahead one hour.*

MARCH

4 & 11	**10:45 am**	**New Member Orientation**
4, 11 & 18	**4:00 pm**	**First Communion Classes**
6	**11:30 am**	**OWLS Potluck and Presentation**
17	**3:00 pm**	**"Lamb of God" Dress Rehearsal**
18	**9:30 am**	**New Members Received in Worship**
18	**10:30 am**	**Cabin Fever Craft Day**
24	**10:00 am**	**Easter Food Basket Pick-Up**
25	**8, 9:30 & 10:45 am**	**Palm Sunday Worship**
25	**2:00 pm**	**First Communion Worship**
29	**12:15 & 6:15 pm**	**Maundy Thursday Worship**
30	**12:15 & 6:15 pm**	**Good Friday Worship**

APRIL

1	**6:00 am**	**Easter Worship—Rib Mountain Amphitheater**
	8, 9:30 & 11 am	**Easter Worship at SALC**
	7:00-9:30 am	**Easter Breakfast at SALC**
4	**9:30 am**	**Soup & Sandwich Thank You Brunch**
21	**8:30 am-12 pm**	**SALC Spring Clean-Up**

SALC is on Facebook! Follow the link on the Saint Andrew website and click "like" to keep up with the latest news and events!