



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

After much time, effort and evaluation, the communication tools for Saint Andrew are taking a new format. To the many who have faithfully served on the Communications Task Force—Thank you! As with anything new, it will take some time to adjust to both format and content. (*More about this on page 3*) As many have requested, this space has been designated as an area for pastoral reflections. Both Pastor John and I look forward to sharing such reflections regarding seasons, current activities, congregational goals and missional opportunities. In the midst of the summer season, the focus for the next few issues will be centered on stewardship, specifically as it relates to faithful giving in support of Saint Andrew's mission. Please pay close attention to the *Stewardship News* section on page 3 and begin to prayerfully consider how you can increase your participation in the mission and ministry of the life of Saint Andrew with your Time, Talent and Treasures.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Worship Services

Summer Schedule

Thursdays

12:15 and 6:15 pm

Sundays

8:00 and 9:30 am

Lectionary Readings

See "Assisting with Worship", page 2.

What is a "Lectionary"?

A **Lectionary** is a listing that contains the **scripture readings** appointed for worship on a given day or occasion.

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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REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

Pentecost 8 — July 15 / July 18

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!" — to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life. In Luke's gospel Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is single-minded devotion to Jesus and his word.

Pentecost 9 — July 22 / July 25

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus. The life of the baptized — to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. In teaching his disciples a prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

ACTIVITIES

Senior High Brat Fry

*Friday and Saturday,
July 23-24*

Come to Quality Foods IGA in Rib Mountain. Have a brat and support the senior high youth. They're ready to serve you!

Calling All OWLS

*~Older Wiser
Lutherans~*

Destination: Waupaca Chain of Lakes Cruise

When: Friday, July 30

Departure: 12:30 pm at Saint Andrew to carpool

Dinner: T.W. Martin's Irish Public House (additional cost)

Cost for Cruise: \$10.50 payable to "Clear Water Harbor Cruises"-send to

Noah's Ark

Tuesday, August 10

Youth entering grades 7-9 are invited to go to Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells! Departure time is 7:30 am. The cost is \$25. Sign up and get your permission slip at church in the hallway across from the office.

Milwaukee Brewers Trip Planned

When: Meet at Saint Andrew at 8 am Sunday, August 22

Cost: \$25

Seats: Section 413

Church Service: on the bus

Dinner: Golden Corral in Oshkosh (additional cost)

All are welcome - sign up on the board outside the church office.

VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)



July 26-30

Join us for the closing program for SonQuest Rainforest VBS! Friday, July 30 at 11:45 am; lunch to follow at 12:10 pm. Bring a dish to pass if you

wish but it certainly is not necessary.

*Note: Selected VBS songs will also be shared by the kids during the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, August 1. (Also, if you would like to donate supplies for crafts or snacks, please call the church office to find out what is still needed.)

CHURCH PICNIC

The annual *Church Picnic* will be **Sunday, August 1** following the 9:30 am worship service on the Celebration Patio. Lots of fun and good food is in store and volunteers are needed to help with the picnic; donations are needed for door prizes and children's games; cakes are needed for the cake walk.

Please call Amy Frolik at 241-8590 to let her know how you can help! The cooks will be grilling the meat so members are asked to bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of their last name:

A-G Dessert

H-Z Salad or side dish

All are welcome!

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

July 18

July 25

Ushers

Brekke Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Betty Dotseth

9:30 am - Helen Bickley

Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth, Joleen

Meier and Ann McDonald

Fellowship

8:00 am - Eric and Carrie

Peterson

9:30 am - Pete and Cheri

Brodzeller

Greeters

8:00 am - Shawn and Jill

Ebersold

9:30 am - George and

Bonnie Alafouzos

Counters-July 19

Judy Paszek and Fred & Pat

Fuchs

Lectionary Readings

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Ushers

Beeler Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Marv Meier

9:30 am - Shari Roach

Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth, Joleen

Meier and Ann McDonald

Fellowship

8:00 am - Marv and Joleen

Meier

9:30 am - Sandy Fischer and

Lois Irick

Greeters

8:00 am - Dan and Lynne

Holt

9:30 am - Jeffrey and

Pamela Kyhos

Counters-July 26

Leslie Sorensen and Mary

Wittich

Lectionary Readings

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The message from the Stewardship Ministry for the summer is, “Your help is needed!” Giving is significantly lower this year in comparison to this time last year. With two months remaining before fall programming resumes, there is concern about additional shortfalls in regular

giving. In order to meet weekly budget expenses, offerings need to total at least \$14,000. It has been three months since this amount has been met, therefore we have not made a principal payment on our building mortgage since April. In January, we approved a barebones budget with no additional resources for expanding ministry opportunities. The current trend needs to change—and soon!

“Your help is needed!” The Stewardship Ministry is in the process of developing a plan to ask for pledge support as well as requests for “above and beyond” giving to meet the budget shortfall. Additionally, a scheduled plan of action is needed to reduce our mortgage debt so that resources can be freed up for current and future ministry needs. “Your help is needed!”

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NEW COMMUNICATION TOOLS



Getting the word out is important. Even more important is what words need to be shared? As the **Network** takes on a new look and mailing schedule is adjusted, so also the website is beginning to take shape. Submitted articles will

need to be concise and informative. In the future, expanded articles may be available through the **SALC website**. The goal of these tools is to offer formats that can educate and inform members as to how to more fully participate in

the mission and ministry of Christ’s church through Saint Andrew. The Network is now a bi-weekly publication so read with care. Doing so decreases mailing expenses and frees office time for other secretarial and administrative tasks.

PRAYER CENTER

In order to more effectively honor the numerous requests for prayer, individual names will no longer be published in the Network. Instead, an opportunity will be observed in the context of worship where names will be lifted aloud or silently as the congregation

gathers to offer thanks and express concerns for those who have made their requests known through the prayer center at the back of the sanctuary. Saint Andrew is blessed to have an active prayer ministry. The lives of many have been touched by personal

and faithful outpouring of care and prayer over the years. 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.





Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Volunteers Needed: Annual Church Picnic. See pg. 2 for more information.
- Sponsor a child for VBS: Envelopes available in the Narthex.
- Consider baking cookies for Sunday fellowship. Contact Karen Swenson at 298-2787 or Joy at the church office to learn more about this ministry of hospitality.

Parish Staff

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 Everett Schmidt, *Minister of Youth*
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 Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*
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At Saint Andrew—July 18-August 1

Sunday, July 18

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:30 am WORSHIP
 3:00 pm Serve Community Supper

Monday, July 19

6:00 pm ACOA
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen
 9:15 pm Softball vs Mt. of the Lord-SV4

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 am Book Club
 11:45 am Mtg: Executive Committee

Thursday, July 22

12:15 pm WORSHIP
 6:15 pm WORSHIP

Friday, July 23

Sr. High Brat Fry-Quality Foods-IGA,
 Rib Mountain

Saturday, July 24

Sr. High Brat Fry-Quality Foods-IGA,
 Rib Mountain

Sunday, July 25

8:00 am WORSHIP
 10:30 am WORSHIP

Monday, July 26

9:00 am VBS
 6:00 pm ACOA
 6:15 pm Softball vs Grace, Maine-SV5
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, July 27

9:00 am VBS

Wednesday, July 28

9:00 am VBS

Thursday, July 29

9:00 am VBS
 12:15 pm WORSHIP
 6:15 pm WORSHIP
 7:00 pm Mtg: Church Council
 Sr. High Youth to Valley Fair and MOA

Friday, July 30

9:00 am VBS and closing program
 Sr. High Youth to Valley Fair and MOA
 12:30 pm OWLS to Waupaca

Sunday, August 1

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:30 am WORSHIP
 10:45 am Annual Church Picnic