



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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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



For what or whom are you thankful? Each year, attention is drawn to one day which has been set aside as a national day of Thanksgiving. On this day, tables will overflow with special foods that have become family favorites for generations. Turkey and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked sweet potatoes with brown sugar, green bean casserole, creamed corn, pumpkin pie and lefsa. It is difficult to have a special meal in our family without the Norwegian favorite of lefsa. Different families include different foods and traditions but the intent is the same, get together and offer thanks. I am hopeful this season will allow you the opportunity to reflect upon the blessings God has provided and the people with whom you are pleased to share those blessings in life. For each of us, these blessings look a bit different. But as Saint Paul tells the Ephesians, *"each of us were given a measure of Christ's gifts...for building up the church, the Body of Christ."* (Ephesians 4). What would it mean if everyday was a day of thanksgiving? How might our lives be different if we took time to regularly reflect on the blessings God has bestowed upon us and has entrusted to us as opportunities and responsibilities to build each other up in the love of Christ? Each day is a gift. May we enjoy the gift and take the time to thank and worship the giver.

— Pr. Craig

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Thursdays—12:15 and 6:15 pm
Sundays—8:00 and 10:30 am

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday at 2 am. Set clocks back 1 hour.



REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

All Saints—November 4/November 7

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today's gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Pentecost 25—November 11/November 14

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

ACTIVITIES

Ministry Night

Tuesday, November 9,
6:30 pm

All are welcome to participate in the ministry of their choice on Ministry Night. All ministries gather in the Fellowship Hall for devotions before breaking off into their individual meetings. Come and see how your time and talent can help serve in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, November 7, 9:30 am
Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

Bible Study

Pastor Craig will facilitate the series, "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" Sunday evenings beginning November 14, 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

OWLS—Save the Date

A Christmas Potluck gathering is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 7**. Please watch the Network for further details.

Dartball Anyone?

If you enjoy playing dartball, join the Saint Andrew Mountaineers Monday evenings. Call Jim Jacobson at 675-9045. All are welcome for fun and fellowship!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 24,
6:15 pm

(Note the time change!)

Please note also, on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, there will be no mid-week services.

COMMUNITY DINNER

A hot meal and fellowship are offered at First Presbyterean Church, downtown Wausau, every Sunday afternoon. Saint Andrew is one of 14 area faith groups that volunteer to host the dinner. Saint Andrew will host on Sunday, November 21. Volunteers are needed from 3-6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. Please call Kathy Wurz at 715-845-5708 to let her know you can help!

THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS

The **Festival of All Saints** will be celebrated Thursday, November 4 and Sunday, November 7. It is the festival through which Christians give thanks for the saints militant and especially the saints triumphant. Names will be lifted aloud in prayer for those who have died and were a connected part of the Saint Andrew community.

CELEBRATION PATIO PAVERS

The newest patio pavers just arrived and are now on display in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to have a paver dedicated to a loved one, order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall and can be returned to the church office.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

November 7

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Jonnie Malm
10:30 am - Jayne Germinaro

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke,
Sue McFaul and Jodi
Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Ann McDonald
and Tina Spiegel
10:30 am - Ann McDonald
and Amy & Jesse Frolik

Greeters

8:00 am - Joleen and Marv
Meier

10:30 am - Linda Vogen and
Rosetta Ahles

Counters—November 8

Charmaine Burnett and
Jerry Kort

Lectionary Readings

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 14

Ushers

B Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Heide Maxwell
10:30 am - Jeremy Hoffman

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke,
Sue McFaul and Jodi
Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Gary Hibbard and
Judy Rusch
10:30 am - Jeanne and Greg
Willems

Greeters

8:00 am - John and Pat
Burnett

10:30 am - Jeanne and
Gregg Willems

Counters—November 15

Judy Paszek and Fred & Pat
Fuchs

Lectionary Readings

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

GOOD STEWARDS

The 2011 Stewardship packets have been mailed with information for the “**Giving is Simple / Giving is Faithful**” responses. Within the packet are forms that will assist members in responding with intentions for financial support for the mission and ministries for 2011, Freed for Mission debt reduction support, as well as a form that gives people an opportunity to express intentions for sharing of time and talents through faithful participation in ministry. These responses are important for planning purposes and will be used to create the budget and to inform ministries of ways members can participate more fully in the life of the congregation. In order to facilitate the planning this fall, please return these forms **no later than November 10**. They can be mailed, placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church. There is a box in the Narthex for this purpose. On Thursday, November 18 and Sunday, November 21, a special prayer will be offered during the worship services in thanksgiving for these pledges and intentions. Thank you for sharing from what God has entrusted to you as both opportunity and responsibility as stewards of God’s signs of God’s gracious love through the gifts of self, time and possessions.



Soup Dinner Benefit for the Teeters Family

*Featuring Varieties of Homemade Soups,
Fresh Baked Breads and Dessert Sale*

Sunday, November 14 -- 4 - 7 p.m.

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church
3200 N. Mountain Rd, Wausau

Price \$5 Children 5 and under free

Tickets will be available at the door or through the main office at Saint Andrew. People are welcome to make donations if they would like to help but are unable to attend. 715-842-3333

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Annie and Chris Teeters' children,

Zak, age 5, and Callie, 18 months, are the only two kids in the world known to have a specific Chromosome 3 and 6 abnormalities, which causes delays with their cognitive and physical development. The disorder affects the basic structure of their bodies, leading to numerous challenges for the kids. These challenges have made it very difficult on the family to navigate through their own home or to find support groups in their area.

In an effort to help the Teeters, and provide a much needed resource for other special needs families in the Central Wisconsin area, local business River Valley Bank and Channel 9 have teamed up to spearhead 'Build from the Heart' project. The project includes building a new handicap accessible home for the Teeters, which also includes a Community Room for other special needs families to utilize for playgroups, therapy and networking.

Members of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church Ministries are working together to help raise funds for this important project and reach out to one of our families in need.

Many volunteers are needed to help with this benefit. Please call Jeanne Willems at 715-355-1507, if you would like to help.



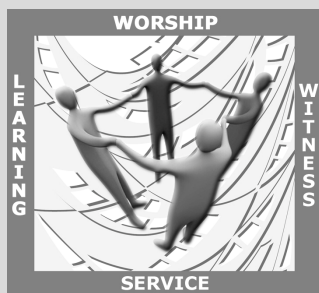
THANKSGIVING HARVEST ITEMS NEEDED



Bring your pumpkins, gourds, bittersweet, dried flowers/weeds, apples or anything else you may have to help complete the Thanksgiving altar display by Friday, November 5. A box is available in the Narthex for these items.

THANKSGIVING BIRDS/CHRISTMAS HAMS

Can you help those families less fortunate? We're accepting the following items for holiday food baskets at this time: **turkeys, potatoes, onions, vegetables, pie/dessert ingredients and monetary donations**. Baskets will be assembled **Saturday, November 20**. If you know someone who needs a basket please call the church office at (715)842-3333.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Harvest items needed for the altar: see page 3 for details.
- Food pantry: see page 3 for holiday food basket needs.
- Pianists are needed for children's choir and the Church School Christmas programs. Please call the church office if you can help.
- Soup Benefit. Page 3 details information on how you can participate by helping and enjoying homemade soup.
- Sign up for Altar Flowers for 2011 on the kiosk in the Narthex.
- Prayer requests are welcome through the **Prayer Center** in the sanctuary and will be acknowledged weekly in worship.

Parish Staff

Rev. John Roseth, *Pastor, On Sabbatical Leave*
 Rev. Craig Swenson, *Pastor*
 Everett Schmidt, *Minister of Youth*
 Al Freiberg, *Minister of Music*
 Shelby Reif, *Parish Administrator*
 Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*
 Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
 Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*
 Dennis Gillingham, *Custodian*
 Ron Sandquist, *Sexton*

NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the November 4 Network is:

Wednesday, October 27

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At Saint Andrew—November 7 - 20

Sunday, November 7

8:00 am **WORSHIP-ALL SAINTS**
 9:15 am Church School for all ages
 9:30 am Baptism Orientation
 10:30 am **WORSHIP-ALL SAINTS**
 11:45 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 1:00 pm 6-8 Grades Scavenger Hunt
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, November 8

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club
 10:00 am Quilting Group
 11:30 am *Mtg:* Staff
 6:30 pm *Mtg:* Ministry Night

Wednesday, November 10

6:15 pm Confirmation Class
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

Thursday, November 11

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
 5:30 pm Church School
 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Friday and Saturday, November 12 & 13

Senior High Synod Youth Gathering
 Lay School

Sunday, November 14

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
 9:15 am Church School for all ages
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:45 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 4:00 pm Soup Dinner Benefit for Teeters Family
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, November 15

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball at Saint Michaels

Tuesday, November 16

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club
 10:00 am Quilting for LWR
 11:45 am *Mtg:* Executive Committee

Wednesday, November 17

6:15 pm Final Fall Confirmation Class
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, November 18

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
 5:30 pm Church School
 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**
 7:00 pm *Mtg:* Church Council