



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



The 30th Annual Meeting of Saint Andrew took place this past Sunday. At times during the meeting I wondered, “*What would an Annual Report covering thirty years look like?*”

I thought to myself— for the past 1,560 weeks the congregation has gathered together to encounter God’s Word, share a meal at the Lord’s Table, and be sent to serve. *Weekly*, within worship, we have recalled, proclaimed, and provided a way for the congregation to participate in the mystery of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. *Weekly*, for the past 30 years, the Spirit of God has encountered and nurtured people of all ages, young and old, to live as followers of Jesus Christ. As persons marked by the sign of the cross in baptism we’ve prayed, we’ve prepared, we’ve taught, and we’ve invited others to follow and emulate the life of Christ. *Weekly*, each worship service has ended the same — “Go in peace. Serve the Lord”. We’ve been sent to reach out and touch the lives of others with God’s surprising grace. *And weekly*, through the support of those both past and present, the gifts of time, talents, and treasures have been shared and given out of gratitude to God for all that God has given each of us.

And then I wondered to myself, “What will the Annual Report for 2040 look like?”

Pastor John +

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

THURSDAYS - 12:15 and 6:15 pm

SUNDAYS - 8:00 and 10:30 am



REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

5th Week after Epiphany

Light shines in the darkness the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. From the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

6th Week after Epiphany

In the reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of this week’s gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments.

We are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

ACTIVITIES

Super Bowl Snacks

Sunday, February 6

Snack donations for the **Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale** can be dropped off at church on *Friday, February 4* before 4 pm or on Super Bowl Sunday before the services. Please pre-package items for individual sale, price, and label if there are nuts or peanut butter as ingredients for allergy concerns. Your support of the Food Pantry through snack donations and purchases is appreciated!

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, February 6, 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.

Ministry Night

Tuesday, February 8,
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.

Crossways Camping Ministries

Many camping opportunities for youth, adults and families are available at Crossways Camps. Take advantage of the discounted fee by registering before March 15. Program materials are available in the Narthex and in the hallway across from the office.

SAINT ANDREW ANNUAL MEETING

In addition to the approval of the operating budget for 2011, five council members were elected. Three are returning for another three-year term: *Annette Green, Eric Jacobson, Randy Trollop* and two are new to the council: *Pam Kyhos and Bill Vanden Heuvel*. These members will be installed during the 8 am worship service this Sunday, February 6. Please pray for these and other elected leaders as they participate in positions of service and leadership at Saint Andrew.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, February 6 and 13, 9:15 am

New Member Orientation is scheduled for Sundays, February 6 and 13 at 9:15 am. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on February 13. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to express your intent. Thank you.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

February 6

Ushers

B Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Sean McCarthy

10:30 am - Renee Schroeder

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke,

Sue McFaul and Jodi

Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim and Kristen

Woller

10:30 am - Amy and Jesse

Frolik

Greeters

8:00 am - Barry and Marge

Busse

10:30 am - Jim and Nancy

Jordan

Counters-February 7

Annette Green and Will

Allmandinger

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalms 112:1-9 [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Matthew 5:13-20

February 13

Ushers

Brekke Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Jurgen Hannig

10:30 am - Pete Porter

Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom, Pam

Levra and Mary Wittich

Fellowship

8:00 am - Annette and

Larry Bindl

10:30 am - Mary Wittich

and Sandra Fischer

Greeters

8:00 am - John and Pat

Barnett

10:30 am - Jamie, Lenny

and Noah Kersten

Counters-February 14

Charmaine Burnett and

Jerry Kort

Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

GOOD STEWARDS

As financial adjustments have been made in response to pledges for 2011, it has become all the more clear that other resources of time and talent will especially be needed for the ongoing ministry of Saint Andrew. When things are going well, and financial resources are plentiful, management of those resources seems less significant. But when financial support tapers off there is need to get creative in order to find alternative ways of addressing the needs. In addition to financial support, members are needed to participate through sharing gifts of time and talent. Community building is at the heart of faithful stewardship. We share what has been entrusted to us knowing that the united whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Challenging and difficult decisions have been made for the budget of this coming year. Reductions have been made which will affect ministry efforts and staff participation. Such adjustments will make volunteer support and participation all the more important. Do you have a gift to share? Ministry Night is a great opportunity for finding out where that gift may be applied. The next event is February 8. The evening begins with devotions at 6:30 pm and then ministry teams break out into conversations for planning and sharing. In addition, individual ideas are also welcome as we seek to serve through simple and faithful support and participation. Do you have time and talent that you would like to share? The ministry of Saint Andrew needs you. It is exciting to be stewards together of what God has entrusted to us! Thank you for sharing what God provides.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Adult confirmation classes will be offered on Sundays at 9:15 am during Lent beginning **March 13**. These classes are for those who have not been confirmed, those new to the Lutheran tradition as well as those interested in a refresher course and conversation. Contact the church office if you are interested.

YOUTH NEWS

Baptismal Retreat

Last Saturday, 33 6th graders spent the day at St. Anthony's reflecting on their baptism. There was small group time, a tour of the retreat center, a video, sharing of pictures, candles, certificates, gowns, and other items from their baptism.

Broomball

Join the Sr. High youth next Sunday, February 13 at 1:30 pm at the Rib Mountain Ice Rink when they play Good Shepherd for the trophy. Cheer on the youth as they try to keep it at Saint Andrew!

Saint Andrew Tubing

Reservations have been made for Saint Andrew at Sylvan Hill for tubing, Sunday, February 13 from 6 to 9 pm. You must be 42" tall to ride a tube with a maximum of one person per tube and children may not ride in the lap of an adult. The concession stand will be closed. Cost is \$7 for adults (14 years and older) and \$5 for youth (minimum of 42" to 13 years old). Bring your family, bring your friend and have some winter fun!



**Time and Talent
Opportunities to
SUPPORT
the Mission**

- **Super Bowl Snacks**-see page 2 for details on how to participate to support the Saint Andrew Food Pantry.
- Want to be a part of **Ministry Night**? See page 2 for meeting information.
- Sign up for **Altar Flowers** for 2011 on the kiosk in the Narthex. Open dates: June 5, July 3 and 31, October 9.
- Prayer requests are welcome through the **Prayer Center** in the sanctuary and will be acknowledged weekly in worship.

Parish Staff

Rev. John Roseth, *Pastor*
 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 *February 17, 2011* Network is:
Wednesday, February 9, 2011

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At Saint Andrew—February 6 - February 19

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am **WORSHIP/Council Installation**
 9:00 am Super Bowl Snack Sale
 9:15 am Church School for all ages
 9:15 am New Member Orientation
 9:30 am Baptism Orientation
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir

Monday, February 7

7:00 pm Dartball at Peace Lutheran
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 9

6:15 pm Confirmation Class-Grades 6-8
 6:30 pm Confirmation Class-Grade 9
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, February 10

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

Saturday, February 12

9:00 am Church Council Retreat at Saint Anthony's

Sunday, February 13

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
 9:15 am Church School for all ages
 9:15 am New Member Orientation
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, February 14

7:00 pm Dartball vs. Wesley Methodist
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, February 15

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

Wednesday, February 16

6:15 pm Confirmation Class-Grades 6-8
 6:30 pm Confirmation Class-Grade 9
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, February 17

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

Friday, February 18

5:00 pm Lay School

Saturday, February 19

8:00 am Lay School
 11:00 am Lisa Walters & Brad Werger Wedding