



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



Originating in the fourth century of the church, the season of **Lent** spans 40-days beginning on *Ash Wednesday* and climaxing during *Holy Week* with *Maundy Thursday*, *Good Friday*, and concluding Saturday before *Easter*.

Originally, **Lent** was a time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of concentrated study and prayer before their baptism on the eve of *Easter*. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of faith, the entire community was called to preparation — the season of **Lent**. This season in the church year is marked as a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate *Easter*. Also, **Lent** was the time when those who had been separated from the church would prepare to rejoin the community of faith.

Both then and now — **Lent** is a time for prayer and preparation together. And, it is a time when those separated from the church for whatever reason are invited to rejoin the community of faith in worship as we prepare to celebrate *Easter*.

Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during **Lent** are not counted as part of the 40-days of **Lent**, and are referred to as **Sundays in Lent** during which we celebrate God's marvelous redemption at *Easter*, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

Lent

You are invited . . . 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 *Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Begins*
SUNDAYS - 8:00 and 10:30 am *Sunday, March 13, 2 am. Set clocks ahead 1 hour.*



REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

First Sunday in Lent

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

ACTIVITIES

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, March 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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 8, 5-6:30 pm

Join us for a traditional Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) at Saint Andrew where you can eat all you want before the season of Lent (a time to fast) begins on *Wednesday, March 9*. Regular, blueberry, & potato pancakes, sausage, beverages and dessert will be served. Proceeds will benefit the Sr. High mission trip to Philadelphia.

*Cost: \$5 - ages 13 and up;
\$3 - children ages 5-12.*

Ministry Night

Tuesday, March 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.

Prayer Shawls Needed

Thank you to all who have given their time and talent making prayer shawls for this local outreach ministry. The supply of prayer shawls is currently low as many have been given to those who need extra comfort and special prayers. While there is still some winter in the air, why not knit a prayer shawl? Instructions are available in the Fellowship Hall with the remaining prayer shawls.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

All are welcome to share time, talents and lend a hand the weeks of March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 & 13. Pick a Wednesday and help prepare homemade soups and bread, serve, clean-up or bring a dessert. Shifts run throughout the day from 8 am to 8 pm and any amount of time shared is appreciated. Then bring a friend or your family to enjoy great food and fellowship time together following the 12:15 pm worship service and before or after the 6:15 evening worship services. If you would like to help with Lenten Soup Suppers, please call Kathy Wurz at 715-845-5708.

SAINT ANDREW GUIDEBOOK

We are in the process of updating the annual church Guide Book and Directory. This book is provided at no cost and is subsidized by advertising from local businesses. If you own or manage a business and would like to advertise in this book, please call the Church Office at 715-842-3333. The Guide Book representative will be here in March to help place your ad. If you are a member and have recently moved or have a new telephone number, please call or email the church with your updated information.

NOTE: If you do NOT want your name published please email: joy@salc-wausau.org.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

March 6

Ushers

Shepherd Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Eric Verber

10:30 am - Courtney Grieser

Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage,

Patty Marceille and Julie

Weller

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jensen and Mindy

Branning

10:30 am - Pete and Cheri

Brodzeller

Greeters

8:00 am - Dave and Maggie Mueller

10:30 am - Rosetta Ahles and Linda Vogen

Counters-March 7

Annette Green and Will

Allmandinger

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

March 13

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Cheryl Allen

10:30 am -

Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth,

Joleen Meier and Ann

McDonald

Fellowship

8:00 am - Barb Breese

10:30 am - Jerry and

Marlene Kort

Greeters

8:00 am - Marv and Joleen Meier

10:30 am - Jeff and Pam

Kyhos

Counters-March 14

Charmaine Burnett and

Jerry Kort

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

GOOD STEWARDS

As the new year settles in, it may seem as though the work of the Stewardship Ministry takes a break. In truth, it will be a year-round emphasis to help prevent a pattern that often occurs in the summer resulting in reduced giving and participation. As you anticipate summer plans, it is important to remember that the needs of the church are dependent upon support and participation for all 12 months of the year. Please make plans now to be sure resources are secured for the sake of meeting the growing needs of the ministry efforts of Saint Andrew.

For those who have pledged additional giving through Freed for Mission support to target debt reduction, thank you for your extra support! The easiest way to contribute is by electronic transfer (T.O.E.). This can be arranged by contacting the church office. If you are using envelopes, please make some kind of notation on the envelope to indicate your contribution intentions (Current/Freed for Mission or a combination of the two) so that your contributions are applied as you intend.

Giving is Simple and ***Giving is Faithful*** when done so through intentional, regular and planned giving.



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 if you can teach 6th grade the remainder of this year and/or next year. Substitute teachers are also needed.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES UPDATED DATES

First Communion sessions will be offered on **March 27, April 3 and 10 at 4-5:30 pm**. (Not March 20 as stated in the previous Network). While instruction begins at 5th grade, it is also for those of higher grade levels who have not yet been instructed regarding the invitation to Holy Communion. Information has been mailed to those in 5th grade. Please call the church office if you did not receive it. *First Communion will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, April 17 at 2 pm* followed by a pie social in the Fellowship Hall. Parents of First Communicants are asked to bring a pie either that morning or before the First Communion service to share at the Pie Social.

SAINT ANDREW LIBRARY

The Saint Andrew library has timely magazines! Check out "Christianity Today", February 2011 issue, for "Muslims and the Son of God" comparing Christianity and Muslim beliefs. Also very current is "Sojourners" on the role of the church in today's complicated world. Try the books, too, for Lenten reading. There are current titles from Phillip Yancey, Lee Strobel or Karen Armstrong. Reading may help you grow as a Christian!



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- **6th grade Sunday school teacher needed:** Call the church office if interested.
- See pg. 2 for information on how to get involved with the **Lenten Soup Suppers**.
- Want to be a part of **Ministry Night**? See pg. 2 for meeting information.
- **Prayer Shawls** needed-knitting instructions are available-see pg. 2 for details.
- Sign up for **Altar Flowers** for 2011 on the kiosk in the Narthex. Open dates: July 3 and 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, *Coordinator of Youth*
Al Freiberg, *Coordinator 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 *March 17, 2011* Network is: **Wednesday, March 9, 2011**

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At Saint Andrew—March 6 - March 20

Sunday, March 6

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

Monday, March 7

7:00 pm Dartball at St. Michaels
7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club
10:00 am Quilting Group
11:30 am *Mtg:* Staff
5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
6:30 pm *Mtg:* Ministry Night

Wednesday, March 9, Ash Wednesday

12:15 pm **WORSHIP-ASH WEDNESDAY**
6:15 pm **WORSHIP-ASH WEDNESDAY**
6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10

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

Sunday, March 13, Pretzel Sunday

(Daylight Saving Time Begins)

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

Monday, March 14

7:00 pm Dartball vs. St. Michael's
7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, March 15

9:00 am Book Club
10:00 am Quilting for LWR

Wednesday, March 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, March 17

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

Sunday, March 20

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