



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS **LENT**



“So,” I was asked as you may have been, “**what are you giving up for Lent?**”

Within the Christian tradition, Lent is a time during which folks are encouraged to enter into a discipline of sacrificial-living, to give something up, as a way of focusing upon the cross and the passion of our Lord.

I must admit, however, that I’ve always been a bit slacking with this tradition. Giving up things like dessert, chocolate, candy, junk food, or a second helping is just a bit lame for me. But, I do think that the tradition does have some value and so I’ve come up with my list of what I’m going to “try” to give up and focus on for “this” Lent knowing full-well that I’ll probably have to try again “next” Lent.

Give up complaining — **focus on gratitude**

Give up pessimism — **be more optimistic**

Give up harsh judgments — **think more kindly thoughts**

Give up discouragement — **be more of hopeful**

Give up bitterness — **turn to forgiveness**

Give up hatred — **return good for evil**

Give up anger — **be more patient**

Give up gloom — **enjoy the beauty that is all around me**

Give up jealousy — **pray for trust**

Give up giving up — **hang in there, Christ is with you!**

— *Dr. 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 at 12:15 – 6:15 pm

Sundays at 8:00 – 10:30 am

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays 12:15 – 6:15 pm



REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

Second Sunday in Lent

In this week's gospel from **John 3**, Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Third Sunday in Lent

In this week's gospel from **John 4**, the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal — offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

ACTIVITIES

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. If you would like to help with Lenten Soup Suppers, please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

Community Dinner

A hot meal and fellowship are offered at First Presbyterian 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, March 20*. Volunteers are needed from 3-6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. Please call the church office if you would like to help!

OWLS Group

Tuesday, April 5, 11 am
Biloxi, Mississippi continues to recover from the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. Wausau resident, Kay Treu, having participated in eight mission work teams to the Biloxi Back Bay area, will share her adventures and show scenes of the ongoing rebuilding. Join in the fellowship beginning with a potluck lunch. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

Easter Food Baskets

Saturday, April 23, 9 am
If you would like to volunteer to help assemble Easter food baskets or if you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING EVENT

“Refreshing Your Spirit”

Saturday, April 9, 8:15 am-1 pm, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wausau

Women of all ages are invited to reconnect with God and with each other. The event will be led by Kathy Mero and Susan Soriano from St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, to recognize those holy places in daily life where God is present. Experience wellness in body, mind and soul as stories, singing, praying and Holy Communion are shared. A “Ladies Plated Lunch” is included with the registration fee of \$10. Please call the church office for more information and to register.

2011 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

“Growing Seeds of Hope: God’s Work, Our Hands” is the theme for this year’s assembly. It will be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton on *June 3 and 4*. The presenters at the assembly will be Rev. Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, Rev. Dr. Timothy Wengert and Rev. Kathryn Love. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office by April 18 to be considered as a voting member on behalf of Saint Andrew. Saint Andrew is allowed 3 lay voting members to the assembly. This is a great way to expand one’s vision of the larger church through the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

March 20

Ushers

Brekke Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Kaya Yirkovsky
10:30 am - Renee Schroeder

Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth,
Joleen Meier and Ann
McDonald

Fellowship

8:00 am - David and Nancy
Larson
10:30 am - Greg and Jeanne
Willems

Greeters

8:00 am - Larry and
Annette Bindl
10:30 am - Duane and Jill
Meyer

Counters-March 21

Judy Paszek and Marsha
Otto

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 27

Ushers

Weidman Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Michael Spalding
10:30 am - Beverly Powell

Altar Guild

Team 3: Cindy Brenner,
Carmen Siegel and Vicki
Porter

Fellowship

8:00 am - Eric and Jamie
Hane
10:30 am - Darlene Roseth

Greeters

8:00 am - Jennifer and
Courtney Grieser
10:30 am - Cyndi Moser and
Gerry Parsch

Counters-March 28

Leslie Sorensen and Mary
Wittich

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

GOOD STEWARDS

As a member congregation of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, it is important to remember how financial support for the ministries of Saint Andrew affect not only local but also global needs and concerns. In a news release dated March 14, the president of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Sumiyuki Watanabe, expressed his gratitude to members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for their response to the massive March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

"I am very thankful to Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson and members of the ELCA for their prayers and encouragement," Watanabe said. "You can only imagine how encouraged we are as the Japanese and, especially, members of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church for these sentiments."

In times when it is tempting to narrow ministry focus to local needs and concerns, it is all the more important to remember how the body of Christ is interconnected and why regular financial support is critical not only for local support but also as an extension of support and service to other members of Christ's church. Thank you for generous giving that supports the work of Christ's church locally and globally.

For more disaster relief information, visit www.elca.org.

A link to the ELCA website is also available through the Saint Andrew website.



FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion classes will be held on Sundays, March 20 and April 3 & 10 from 4-6 pm. A special worship service to honor First Communion participants will be on Sunday, April 17 at 2 pm. Parents are asked to bring a pie for the Pie Social that will follow the service. If you haven't received a letter outlining this information and have a child who is in 5th grade or higher, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Join in the Vacation Bible School fun **August 1-5!** This year's theme is "Pandamania-where God is wild about you!" Watch the Network for more information as the date gets closer.

LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH HOSTS

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| Wednesday, March 16 | Property, Social Ministry, Youth |
| Wednesday, March 23 | Member Outreach, Stewardship, Development |
| Wednesday, March 30 | Worship, Roseth Mutual Ministry, Fellowship |
| Wednesday, April 6 | Personnel, Finance, Communications |
| Wednesday, April 13 | Memorial Gift, Altar Guild, Christian Ed |

All are welcome to lend a hand to the Ministry groups. Pick a day and offer to share your time and talents.

Note: Desserts are also welcome and can be dropped off any time during these Wednesdays.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- **6th grade Sunday school teacher needed:** Please call the church office if interested.
- See pg. 2 for information on how to get involved with the **Lenten Soup Suppers**.
- Food Pantry current needs: **peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned soup.**
- 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 31, 2011** Network is: **Wednesday, March 23, 2011**

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At Saint Andrew—March 20 - April 2

Sunday, March 20

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:15 am Church School for all ages
10:30 am **WORSHIP**
11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
4:00 pm First Communion Class
6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, March 21

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen
7:30 pm Dartball at St. Stephen's

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club

Wednesday, March 23

12:15 pm **LENTEN WORSHIP**
12:45 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
5:15 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
6:15 pm **LENTEN WORSHIP**
6:45 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
7:00 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
8:15 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

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

Sunday, March 27

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 28

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen
7:30 pm Dartball vs. Our Savior's

Tuesday, March 29

9:00 am Book Club

Wednesday, March 30

12:15 pm **LENTEN WORSHIP**
12:45 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
5:15 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
6:15 pm **LENTEN WORSHIP**
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Thursday, March 31

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