



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

 Over the course of forty days, the life of the church draws us into the depths of the valley making us long for what Christ alone can provide—life. Spring is upon us and with the arrival of spring come signs of life poking up from the ground. We have a ways yet to go before the full expression of life is revealed but we are getting closer. We have a ways to go in the season of Lent but we are getting closer to the day when our “alleluias” will return and we celebrate fully the hope that bursts forth through the Easter message. This week the readings will set the stage for the final week of Lent—Holy Week. We will celebrate the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem and little by little we will experience the depth of Christ’s passion, his betrayal and eventual abandonment by all who loved him. Such it is with us as well. Our best efforts cannot prevent the brokenness of life from taking us over and we too fall away like sheep that are scattered by wolves.

Maundy Thursday worship is the start of the holy three days that conclude our Lenten journey. Services for both Thursday and Friday are continuous and spill even into Holy Saturday leaving us anxiously awaiting the dawn of Easter morning. The difference for us from those who first went to the tomb is that we know what to expect. We know that we can expect joyful music, alleluia proclamations and the affirming statement that “Christ is Risen!” We know the truth about what others had only visions of hope and expectation. Did Jesus really mean what he said? Could it indeed be that there is such a thing as life after death? We know how the story ends. We know that Christ rose victorious and that this is no small thing. Christ died and rose to life so that we can live in the blessed assurance of that same promise. The story of Christ is rooted in the cross which not only represents death, but also life, new life. May the blessings of the Easter promise be revealed anew so that we remember that Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia! - *Pastor Craig*

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion: 8 and 10:30 am
2 pm First Communion Worship

Maundy Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm
Service with Holy Communion. The evening service will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar and we depart in silence.

Good Friday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm
The focus of the services will be on readings and music related to the Stations of the Cross. No Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday: 6 am - at the Amphitheater Rib Mountain State Park
8, 9:30 am and 11 am at Saint Andrew

ACTIVITIES

Lost & Found

Many items have been "lost" over the last year and are hoping to be "found". Lost & Found items, along with dishes and other kitchen-ware that have been left at the church, will be available in the Fellowship Hall through Lent. Anything unclaimed may be included in the Treasure Sale held in May. If you think you may have lost something, please take a moment to look over what has been left at the church to see if it may be just what you're missing!

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 842-3333. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

Spirituality and End-of-Life Care Program

Saturday, April 30, 12:30 -4 pm

This program will explore differences between spirituality and religion, while also addressing spirituality during illness, death and grief; spiritual assessment and empowerment, and life review. The registration fee is \$10. For more information, see pamphlets available in the Narthex. Sponsored by Ministry Home Care Hospice Services and Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services.

OWLS-Egyptian Experience

Tuesday, May 3, 11 am

After hosting Egyptian students, Ellen and Charlie Dell visited Egypt and had a trip of a lifetime. Join the Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) on Tuesday, May 3 for an 11 am potluck followed by "An Egyptian Experience" with Charlie and Ellen Dell.

SAINT ANDREW TREASURE SALE

A Treasure Sale will take place **Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14**. Bring your "treasures" from spring cleaning to church on *Wednesday or Thursday, May 11 or 12*. Items that are donated should be in good working order and in very good condition. Leftover items will be donated after the sale. The following is a list of items not accepted: *computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances and tread mills*. Volunteers are needed. Please call the church office to express your availability to help.

This event will assist in funding the summer Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, May 15 and 22, 9:15 am

New Member Orientation is scheduled for Sundays, May 15 and 22 at 9:15 am. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on May 22. 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.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

April 17-Palm Sunday

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Ann Czyzewski
& Jurgen Hannig
10:30 am - Carolyn Kiesau
& Pete Porter

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke
Sue McFaul
Jodi Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim Jacobson
10:30 am - Ben & Mary
Kregel

Greeters

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie
Mueller
10:30 am - George & Bonnie
Alafouz

Counters-April 18

Judy Paszek & Marsha Otto

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 24-Easter Sunday

Ushers

6:00 am - Weidman Team
8:00 am - Johnson Team
9:30 am - Shepherd Team
11:00 am - A Team

Layreaders

6:00 - Jim Leffin
8:00 - Sean McCarthy
9:30 - Ray Skare
11:00 - Pete Porter

Altar Guild

Team 1: Marilyn Olson
Sandra Fischer
Mary Weiland
Tammy Radloff

Greeters

8:00 am - Dan & Lynne
Holt
9:30 am - Annette Green &
Babs Hintz
11:00 am - Billie Schmidt

Counters-April 25

Leslie Sorensen &
Mary Wittich

Lectionary Readings

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

GOOD STEWARDS

For five weeks in Lent the worship focus has centered around the topic of Stewardship. Specifically, stewardship of Trust, Time, Talent, Treasure, and Mission. Each of these gifts are ways by which God has provided opportunities to engage in life and unite efforts that honor the one who has given the gifts. As the Lenten season comes to a close it is appropriate to reflect upon our responsibility we have to respond faithfully and appropriately as the giver intends. Like any gift, the real test of the effectiveness of the gift is in how the gift is used. How do you understand your gifts? In what ways are your gifts enhanced or diminished? Might we do a better job of caring for, managing and sharing what God has entrusted to us for the sake of building up of the body of Christ?



Even as many ministries serve as ways to bring gifts together to share in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew, there are yet more opportunities to share and efforts are being made to expand those opportunities into new ministries: Nursery, Funeral, Visitation, Health and Wellness. Additionally, current ministries are also in need of more members. Do you have a gift to share? Do you see a need to be met? Your church is a great way to share your gifts and your ideas. Call the church office to share or learn more. Visitors are always welcome on Ministry Night, the second Tuesday of each month. Thank you for sharing what God has entrusted to you as a steward.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation, also called "Affirmation of Baptism", is a pastoral and education ministry of the church which helps the baptized, through Word and Sacrament, identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission. The 2011 confirmands will make a public affirmation of their baptism on Sunday, May 1.

Friday, April 29

4 pm Pictures and
Rehearsal

5:30 pm Banquet

Sunday, May 1

2 pm Confirmation
Worship
Service

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

There will be no church school classes on *Maundy Thursday, April 21* or on *Easter Sunday, April 24*.

Classes will resume on Thursday, April 28 and Sunday May 1.

*Kids, don't forget to bring a hard-boiled, Easter-decorated egg to service Easter morning to place on the altar. The eggs will then be donated to the Salvation Army.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Come to Saint Andrew for Easter breakfast, **Sunday, April 24, 7-9:30 am**. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, toast, strawberry dessert, coffee, milk and juice. The senior high youth will be serving with proceeds supporting the summer Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia.

Suggested donation: \$5 for adults
\$3 for children



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- **6th grade Sunday school teacher needed:** Please call the church office if interested.
- Prepare Easter Food Baskets or help by donating food: see pg. 2 for details.
- The Treasure Sale needs you- pg. 2 has all the information.
- 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 *April 28, 2011* Network is: **Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

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At Saint Andrew—April 17 - April 30

Palm Sunday, April 17

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
 2:00 pm **FIRST COMMUNION WORSHIP**

Monday, April 18

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday, April 21

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
No Church School
 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Good Friday, April 22

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Easter Sunday, April 24

6:00 am **SUNRISE WORSHIP**
RIB MOUNTAIN
 7-9:30 am Easter Breakfast
 8:00 am **WORSHIP**
No Church School
 9:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:00 am **WORSHIP**

Monday, April 25

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, April 26

9:00 am Book Club

Wednesday, April 27

6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, April 28

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

Friday, April 29

4:00 pm Confirmation Pictures and Rehearsal
 5:30 pm Confirmation Banquet