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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Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

s a fantastic week of "PandaMania" — Vacation Bible School (170 children, teachers, and helpers) draws to a close, I find myself asking once again, "Where has the summer gone?" It's already the middle of August and for many going back to school is just around the corner. It'll be a time, once again, to "Reconnect" — time to become part of new learning experiences with others in our community and your church.

In less than 30-days it'll be time to "Reconnect" with the learning and educational programs and activities at Saint Andrew. So — mark your calendars today to "Reconnect".

Sunday Church School

Begins Sunday, September 11, <u>following the 9:30 am worship service</u> with "Rally Day and Picnic"

Please NOTE: Classes will be at 9:15 beginning on Sunday, September 18, when the second worship service on Sunday moves to 10:30 am.

Thursday Church School

Begins Thursday, September 15, at 5:30 pm with "Rally Day on Thursday" followed by the 6:15 pm worship services.

Youth Confirmation

Begins Wednesday, September 14 with classes at 6:15 pm

In Luke 9:11 we read, "...the crowds learned about it and followed Him." That's what happens when we "Reconnect."

Please watch for additional information regarding these learning and educational activities and programs in the next issue of the NETWORK.

- Pr. John +

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Thursdays at 12:15 — 6:15 pm Sundays at 8:00 — 9:30 am



REFLECTIONS on the READINGS (full listing of readings on pg. 2)

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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ACTIVITIES

SALC Food Pantry Needs You!

The food pantry is in need of non-perishable food items because it has recently been utilized by many for numerous food baskets. Current needs: juice, jello/pudding, mustard, macaroni, mayonnaise, and canned soup. Please drop off donations in the designated baskets at the church entrances. Thank you!

OWLS Get Wiser

Tuesday, August 9, II am Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) will become even wiser when Ryan Eisenman presents his 2011 National Finalist performance of the Paris Peace Talks. What's that? Come, learn and ask questions. Please join us at Saint Andrew for this presentation and potluck lunch!

Ministry Night

Tuesday, August 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.

Take Me Out To The Ball Game!

Monday, August 15, 6:15 pm
Cheer on the Saint Andrew
fast pitch softball team when
they play St. Paul's church.
The game will be played on
field 5 at Sunny Vale Park in
Wausau. Cut out and bring
the coupon on the back of this
newsletter for a free small
soda and popcorn to enjoy
during the game!

Sunday, August 21 at 9:30 am



Bring the **whole** family—all socially adapted creatures great and small are welcome.

The service will take place on the north side of the property in front of the Celebration Patio. Help with clean-up if needed.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Church Picnic:

Sunday, September 11, 11:00 am

Watch the Network for more information...

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

August 7

Ushers

Weidman Team Lavreaders

8:00 am - Eric Verber 9:30 am - Pete Porter

Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom Pam Levra Mary Wittich

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim & Kristin Woller

9:30 am - Amy Frolik

Greeters

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie Mueller 9:30 am - George & Bonnie

9:30 am - George & Bonni Alafouzos

Counters-August 8

Charmaine Burnette Jerry Kort

Lectionary Readings

1 Kings 19:9–18 Psalm 85:8–13 Romans 10:5–15 Matthew 14:22–33

Ushers

Johnson Team Layreaders

8:00 - Pete Porter 9:30 - Jayne Germinaro

Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage Patty Marceille Julie Weller

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jensen & Mindy Branning

9:30 am - Russell & Alice Van Skike

Greeters

August 14

8:00 am - Barry & Marge Busse

9:30 am - Jerry & Marlene Kort

Counters-August 15

Judy Paszek Marsha Otto

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8 Psalm 67

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32 Matthew 15:[10–20] 21–28

ABOUT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PandaMania is in full swing at Saint Andrew this week and where 125 Panda Bear Cubs are participating in bible story adventures, bamboo blast games, treetop treats, Chadder's theater and crazy crafts. "God made you", "God listens to you" and "God watches over you" have been the themes for each day that our new friends, Fez, Amanda and Boomer, have taught us.



Everyone is invited to come to our VBS closing program on *Friday*, *August 5*, *at 11:45 am* where video highlights and stories from the week of fun at PandaMandia will be shared and VBS PandaMania songs will be sung. All are welcome to a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the closing program.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEEDS AND IDEAS

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back! Help out our classrooms by picking an apple from the tree in the Fellowship Hall. Some of the "apples" you will find on the tree are pencils, crayons-24 count box, glue sticks, Elmer's glue and more. Stop by the Giving Tree and pick an apple. The supplies will be well-utilized by the hundreds of attendees in education programs here at Saint Andrew!



New Ideas

Rally Day is Family Day! Be here as a family (activities require parents to be here-no drop-offs). Please make plans to attend *Rally Day/Picnic Day on Sunday*, *September 11* following the 9:30 am church service.

Teachers Needed-Fall Church School Begins in Five Weeks

Kids don't care what you know...they just want to know that you care! We are still in need of caring adults to lead church school classes for Sundays (4th grade) and Thursdays (combined grades 4-6), as well as persons willing to substitute on Sundays and Thursdays. All teachers and substitutes will receive training on how to access and use the on-line curriculum on Sept. 18 during the Sunday School hour while students are involved with RECONNECT Sunday Activities. Want to know a bit more before committing? Come to the Christian Education Ministry meeting during Ministry Night on August 9 at 6:30 pm or call the church office at 715-842-3333.

BACK FROM PHILADELPHIA — MISSON ACCOMPLISHED!

The 2011 youth mission trip is accomplished! Twenty-two high school youth and three adults from SALC boarded the train in Milwaukee enroute to Chicago, Washington DC and finally Philadelphia. SALC joined three other churches which then divided into seven work groups assigned to various worksites for the day in the Philadelphia community to work with community gardens, food share, shelters. Evenings were spent visiting "Rocky Steps", the historical district, attending a Baptist church service, or serving community dinner. After all this, there was still time for evening worship and morning devotions. The stories that were shared and relationships that were made with the people of Philly were special for everyone.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Take and apple from the Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall-see pg. 3 for details.
- A great way to recycle your paper-drop your recyclable paper in the Magic Paper Box in the West Parking Lot.
- 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 Gjertson, *Parish Administrator*Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*Ron Sandquist, *Sexton*

NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the *August 18, 2011* Network is: *Wednesday, August 10, 2011.*

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At Saint Andrew—August 7 - August 20

Sunday, August 7

8:00 am WORSHIP 9:30 am WORSHIP

10:45 am Baptism Orientation

Monday, August 8

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen 7:45 pm Softball vs. St. John's—

Tuesday, August 9

9:00 am Mtg: Book Club
10:00 am Quilting Group
11:00 am Mtg: OWLS Get Wiser
Presentation and Potluck

6:30 pm *Mtg*:

Thursday, August 11
12:15 pm Worship
6:15 pm Worship

Sunday, August 14

8:00 am **WORSHIP** 9:30 am **WORSHIP Monday, August 15**

6:15 pm Fellowship Event

Softball vs. St. Paul's—SV5

7:00 pm AA, Alanon

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 am Mtg: Book Club 3:00 pm Mtg: Staff

Thursday, August 18
12:15 pm WORSHIP

6:15 pm **WORSHIP Saturday, August 20**

2:00 pm Tiffani Lenzner &

Christopher Plautz Wedding

Free Small Soda and Popcorn

Redeem at Sunny Vale Park
8/15/11
(Offered by Saint Andrew Lutheran Church)