

# Network

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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS—*Pastor Craig*

The following is an excerpt from the introduction of a book entitled *Loving Jesus* by Mark Allan Powell. Powell is professor of New Testament at Trinity Seminary in Columbus, Ohio and author of several books & helpful resources.

*The Christian faith is not just a religion (a system of rituals and beliefs), but a relationship—a relationship of love with Jesus Christ who is risen from the dead. When Christianity is not first and foremost, a relationship of love, it becomes a matter of works and toil and patient endurance—all worthwhile perhaps, but a far cry from the spiritual experience of joy and peace that it is supposed to be.*

You and I are named & claimed by Jesus through the waters of baptism. Baptism is our identity in Christ and therefore we are already in a loving relationship with Jesus for he initiated that relationship on our behalf. If for no other reason, baptism compels us to respond to that gift of grace and mercy by loving God and loving one another. This, Jesus said, is how we fulfill the Commandments, nurture loving relationships—with God and with one another. This kind of living brings about joy and peace that is deeper than human emotions and is rooted in who we are. The voices and images of the world often do more to cloud our identity than clarify it. We ride the roller coaster of life from highs when things are going “our way” to the lows when life seems to be falling part around us. A better pattern is to focus on the Lenten Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord your God who is gracious & merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” This verse reminds us of our need to return to the one in whose name we gather and whose name we bear. At times we may come across as unloving and even unlovable, but thankfully, the forgiving presence of Christ proclaimed and offered weekly can allow us to see ourselves and each other with a new perspective and learn to love anew.

Loving God is at the heart of worship. The core of worship is not about what we “get out of it” nor even what we “put into it.” Worship is all about praising and loving God and gathering as a community of faith around word & sacrament and allow God to do for us what God determines is best for us. I look forward to gathering with you regularly for worship where we return to God and offer our praises & thanksgivings for God’s goodness. Here we are nurtured in faith and sent to bear witness to that faith in daily life. *Loving Jesus*—not only does it sound like a good title for a book but a great discipline for daily life.

### SECOND WEEK IN LENT Thursday, March 1 / Sunday, March 4

*The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we*

### THIRD WEEK IN LENT Thursday, March 8 / Sunday, March 11

*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can*

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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## ACTIVITIES

### Baptism Orientation

*Sunday, March 4, 9:15 am*  
Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism.

### Visitation Group Training

*Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 pm*  
Those interested in visiting hospitalized or homebound members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this training time to learn more about this new ministry!

### OWLS to Chang Garden

*Tuesday, March 6*  
Want to get better acquainted with retirees at Saint Andrew? Join the Older Wiser Lutherans for good fellowship and delicious lunch at Chang Garden 4215 Barbican Ave, Weston (Corner of 29 and Camp Phillips Road/Cty Hwy X-behind American Inn). Please RSVP to the church office.

### Mini MISSION Event

An opportunity to expand your understanding for our "Accompaniment" relationship with our Brothers and Sisters in South Africa is available on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 pm. This Mini Mission event is being held at Good Shepherd located on North Sixth Street in Wausau. Please call the office at Saint Andrew (842-3333) to register if you are interested in attending - ALL ARE WELCOME!

### Save the Dates

Treasure Sale  
**May**-Held in conjunction with the Rib Mountain North Side Garage Sale weekend.

VBS  
**June 25-29, 1-4 pm**

SALC Annual Golf Outing  
**July 7, Beginning at 8 am**

Watch upcoming Networks for more details on all these events!

## EASTER FLOWERS

Tulips, Easter Lilies, Daffodils and Hyacinths can now be ordered for the Altar for Easter Worship services for \$16 each. Order forms and a box to place orders will be available in the Narthex.



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 11**. Remember to set your clocks **ahead one hour** before going to bed on Saturday so you won't be late for church!

## LENTEN SOUP MENU

**All are welcome** to share time, talents and lend a hand the weeks of March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Help prepare homemade soups and bread, serve, clean-up or bring a dessert. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

### March 7

Cream of Chicken Wild Rice  
Taco

### March 14

Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Cheesy Potato

### March 21

Beef Barley Mushroom  
Cream of Broccoli

### March 28

Cream of Turkey Vegetable  
Chili

\$4-adults

\$2-children under 10

Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go - \$2/lb.

## ASSISTING with WORSHIP

### March 4

#### Ushers

Weidman Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Joleen Meier  
10:30 am - Carolyn Kiesau

#### Altar Guild

Team 3: Cindy Brenner  
Carmen Siegel  
Vicki Porter

#### Nursery

8:00 am - Linda Barttelt  
10:30 am - Ken & Jess Bloom

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Joanne Howard & Jim Jacobson  
10:30 am - Susie & Ashley Soukup

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Marv & Joleen Meier  
10:30 am - Sandra Fischer & Joan Flannery

#### Lectionary Readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

### March 11

#### Ushers

Johnson Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 - Julie Spalding  
10:30 - Jayne Germinaro

#### Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke  
Sue McFaul  
Jodi Gargulak

#### Nursery

8:00 am - Tammy & Noah Radloff  
10:30 am - Curt & Coreen Richardt

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Eric & Jamie Hane  
10:30 am - Roger & Ruth Poutanen

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Larry & Annette Bindl  
10:30 am - Pam Clark & Cindy Markowski

#### Lectionary Readings

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

## STAFF NEWS

The call process has begun to seek an Associate Pastor to serve among the people of Saint Andrew later this year. With Pastor John retiring in April it is necessary to begin now to ensure adequate pastoral ministry support is provided. The committee has met with Bishop Jim Justman, spent time getting acquainted with the call process and is now ready to consider candidates when names are provided through the Office of the Bishop. It is an exciting time of anticipation as it is possible to be interviewing in March. Please pray for a discerning spirit for the committee members as well as the candidate who may soon join the pastoral ministry team at Saint Andrew. Members of the committee are: Philip Bickley, Mindy Branning, Mike Fochs, Helene Gjertsen, Michael Johnson, Bob Wiederhoeft and Pastor Craig.

Personnel Ministry members are interviewing a candidate to fill the position of Visitation Pastor and will soon begin looking for candidates to fill the Christian Education Coordinator position.

Prayers are also requested for Pastor John and Darlene in these last two months of ministry among us. A special worship service is being planned for April 29 at 2 pm to celebrate and wish Pastor John and Darlene well in their time of retirement together.

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## ZEERUST

The excitement continues to build and heartfelt thanks goes out for all who have donated to the Noisy Offerings during worship on the third Sunday each month. In January \$368.43 was received and \$541.53 now in February. Thank you also to the 14 individuals that gathered between services last Sunday to learn more and share ideas as Saint Andrew continues to make plans for the visit of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from Zeerust South Africa, June 25-July 13th. All are invited to attend the next planning conversation on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 in the Activity Room.

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## SALC SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CROSSWAYS

As winter months fade, plans are being made for summer camp opportunities. Crossways youth camp programs are designed to give campers an opportunity to experience all of the camp favorites while learning about our incredibly awesome God. Games, worship, swimming, crafts, nature and campfires are just some of the activities youth can experience! Among many camping opportunities being offered, Confirmation Camp will be June 17-22 or for those not attending the National youth Gathering a one-week camp is scheduled for July 15-20. At the same time, a camp is offered for children who are completing grades 3 and 4 to sample the camp for three nights and four days. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or check out Crossways Camping Ministries' website at [crosswayscamps.org](http://crosswayscamps.org).

*\*Reminder: To take advantage of the discounted fee, the early registration deadline for Confirmation Camp is Sunday, March 11.*

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## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING SPONSORSHIP

Help sponsor a Saint Andrew Youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Sponsorships in various amounts will be available in the Fellowship Hall to choose from to make a monetary donation. Your support helps build a relationship with the youth and help them get to the Gathering!



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

- Soup N Sandwich help—see page 2 for more information.
- Zeerust Planning & Hosting—see page 3 for more information.
- 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 *March 15* Network is: **Wednesday, March 7.**

*Open to All*

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**At Saint Andrew—March 4-17**

**Sunday, March 4**

8:00 am WORSHIP  
 9:15 am Baptism Orientation  
 9:15 am Church School  
 10:30 am WORSHIP  
 11:30 am *Reh:* Childrens Choir  
 4:00 pm First Communion Class  
 6:30 pm Bible Study

**Monday, March 5**

10:00 am Quilting for LWR  
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen  
 7:30 pm Dartball vs. St. Stephen

**Tuesday, March 6**

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections  
 11:30 am OWLS Group to Chang Garden-Weston  
 6:30 pm *Mtg:* Visitation Group Training

**Wednesday, March 7**

12:15 pm WORSHIP & SOUP  
 6:15 pm WORSHIP & SOUP  
 7:00 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Bell Choir

**Thursday, March 8**

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

**Sunday, March 11**

8:00 am WORSHIP  
 9:15 am Church School  
 10:30 am WORSHIP  
 11:30 am *Reh:* Childrens Choir  
 4:00 pm First Communion Class  
 6:30 pm Bible Study

**Monday, March 12**

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen  
 7:30 pm Dartball at Our Savior

**Tuesday, March 13**

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections  
 10:00 am Quilting Group  
 6:30 pm *Mtg:* Ministry Night

**Wednesday, March 14**

12:15 pm WORSHIP & SOUP  
 6:15 pm WORSHIP & SOUP  
 7:00 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Bell Choir

**Thursday, March 15**

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

**Friday, March 16**

5:00 pm Lay School

**Saturday, March 1**

8:00 am Lay School