

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.

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PASTORAL

So, How Do We Get There? From Holy Week to Easter

he week begins with people of all ages waving palms and ends with Jesus nailed to a cross. One must wonder, "How do we get from Palm Sunday to Easter?" In a poem, Robert Frost called this "The road less traveled." We have spent the past five weeks on a liturgical roller coaster ride called Lent — a slow, steady, difficult climb to Palm Sunday, followed by the jubilation of the crowds, then plummeting to the depths of Good Friday, before finally returning home at Easter, elated and changed by the ride.

It's been my experience throughout the years that far too many will only come to church for the triumph of Palm Sunday and then skip directly to the triumph of Easter missing the trip down through the week. We skip from the wave crest of Palm Sunday to the wave crest of Easter, and we miss the descent into greatness.

The seeds of the crucifixion lie among the palms



and a last supper with friends ending in a Good Friday world. And then, only after the road less traveled, did God play his ultimate trump card — Easter!

The Resurrection is not just something that happened. The Resurrection goes on happening just as spring goes on coming each year and each day in our lives because Christ is Risen!

- Dr. John +

MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 5 12:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Worship

GOOD FRIDAY — April 6 Tenebrae — "Song of the Shadows" 12:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Worship



EASTER SUNDAY — April 8 6:00 am Sunrise Service Top of Rib Mountain — Amphitheater 8:00 am Festive Worship 9:30 am Festive Worship 11:00 am Festive Worship



Sunrise Service — This will be the 31st annual Easter Sunrise Service on Rib Mtn.

Easter Breakfast — Served from 7:00 to 9:30 am in the fellowship hall: Scrambled eggs, ham, toast, hash browns, strawberry dessert and beverages—

\$7 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN

Easter Eggs — Children are encouraged to bring colored, hard-boiled Easter eggs decorated with Christian symbols for the altar. The eggs will be donated to the

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Thursdays Sundays

12:15 and 6:15 pm 8:00 and 10:30 am



Following a procession of blessed and waving palms the passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all.

He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

MARK 14:1 through MARK 15:47



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ACTIVITIES

Food Pantry Needs

The SALC Food Pantry currently needs the following items; cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, tomato soup, peanut butter, jelly, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise and vegetable oil. Please drop offitems in the designated baskets at the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the SALC Food Pantry!

Easter Food Baskets

Saturday, March 31, 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.

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, April 1, 9:15 am Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism.

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The 2012 second quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are now available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy.

OWLS-Imagination Creation

Tuesday, April 3, 11:30 am Enjoy a tour of the Woodson Art Museum's imaginary world of Dinotopia. Dinosaurs and people participate in elegant festivals. It will be fun to "get inside the mind" of artist James Gurney. The tour begins at 11:30 am then meeting at the Filling Station Café at 1 pm for lunch. Please RSVP to the church office.

HOSPITAL STAY

One of the first daily tasks in the church office during the week is to call hospitals both in Wausau and Marshfield. Admission to the hospital normally includes registering as a member of a congregation. In the event you or a family member is hospitalized or anticipates hospitalization and you wish for a pastoral visit, please contact the church office at 842-3333. Often an opportunity is missed because the church did not know about the admission. Every effort is made to make regular hospital visits. If a visit is not made, it is likely because the information was not accessible. Your help and understanding is appreciated.

SALC TREASURE SALE

Mark your calendar for Friday/Saturday, May 11/12 for the Saint Andrew Treasure Sale. Bring your "treasures" from spring cleaning to church on Wednesday or Thursday, May 9 or 10. 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 the National Youth Gathering Event

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, April 1

Brekke Team
Layreaders
8:00 am - Dan Malm
10:30 am - Sue Paisar
Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom Pam Levra Mary Wittich

Fellowship

Ushers

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie Mueller 10:30 am - Russell and Alice Van Skike Greeters

8:00 am - Duane & Sharlene Kreft

10:30 am - George & Bonnie

Alafouzos Lectionary Readings Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

Easter Sunday, April 8

Ushers

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

Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage Patty Marceille Julie Weller Greeters

8:00 am - Dan& Lynne Holt 9:30 am - Tom & Karen Weidman 11:00 am - Billie Schmidt & Guest

Lectionary Readings Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 Mark 16:1-8

STAFF UPDATE

- The Personnel Ministry is reviewing applicants for the position of Christian Education Coordinator.
 This is a 20 hour per week position responsible for coordinating and supporting education for all age levels. If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, please contact the church office to be connected to a member of the Personnel Ministry for more information.
- The Call Committee met Sunday, March 18 to review a personal profile of a seminary candidate for the position of Associate Pastor. At the end of the meeting, it was unanimously decided to invite this candidate for a formal interview April 13 & 14.

Your prayers are most appreciated during this time of discernment as efforts are made to develop this new staff team model.

A TASTE OF ZEERUST

The excitement continues to build for the visit of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from our companion synod church in Zeerust, South Africa.

Mark your calendars to enjoy sights, sounds and a few flavors of South Africa on Sunday, April 15th following both worship services. The SALC Zeerust planning group is excited to share food to sample, music and more information about events and opportunities during this upcoming visit. Individuals from our conference churches who traveled to South Africa in 2010 have also been invited to join us that day to answer questions, share pictures and also display a few treasures from their travels.

The next Network publication will provide a Volunteer Sign Up form offering a multitude of ways for all Saint Andrew members to get involved and enjoy time with our guests from Zeerust. Feel free to bring the sign up form along on April 15th if you have questions, need clarification or to drop off indicating your areas of volunteer interest.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING EVENT - "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

Saturday, April 14, 8:00 am-12:30 pm, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Merrill Women of all ages are invited to learn more about our summer visitors from South Africa, conduct business, have fellowship and worship together. Brunch is included. The cost is \$10 so grab a friend or two and call the church office (715-842-3333) for more information and to register by April 9.

CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

A new camp opportunity is planned for this summer. Not only will it include high school but also a partial week for those completing grades 3 & 4 as well. A mailing has been sent out to families with children in these age groups. Please consider participating in this unique camping opportunity.

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

- Help with Easter Food Baskets—see page 2 for details.
- See Current Food Pantry Needs on pg. 2.
- How can you help with the SALC Treasure Sale-see page 2 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 Rev. Jeff Martinson, Pastor Shelby Gjertson, Parish Administrator Joy Mitchell, Secretary Everett Schmidt, Coordinator of Youth Al Freiberg, Coordinator of Music Sheldon Geiger, Bookkeeper Shannon Vujnovich, Custodian Ron Sandquist, Sexton

NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the April 12 Network is: Wednesday, April 4.

Open to All



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At Saint Andrew—April 1-14

Palm Sunday, April 1

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Baptism Orientation 9:15 am Church School 10:30 am WORSHIP

Reh: Childrens Choir 11:30 am

FIRST COMMUNION WORSHIP 2:00 pm

Monday, April 2

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

Tuesday, April 3

9:00 am Mtg: Reading Reflections Mtg: OWLS Group to 11:30 am Woodson Art Museum and Filling Station Cafe

Wednesday, April 4

6:30 pm Reh: Chancel Choir 8:00 pm Reh: Bell Choir Maundy Thursday, April 5

12:15 pm Worship 6:15 pm Worship

Good Friday, April 6 12:15 pm WORSHIP

6:15 pm WORSHIP Sunday, April 8

SUNRISE WORSHIP 6:00 am 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 9

AA, Alanon & Alateen 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 10

9:00 am Mtg: Reading Reflections

10:00 am Quilting Group Mtg: Ministry Night 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 11

6:15 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class

6:30 pm Reh: Chancel Choir

8:00 pm Reh: Bell Choir

Thursday, April 12 12:15 pm Worship 5:30 pm Church School

6:15 pm WORSHIP

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A BAPTISM PRAYER

May the unity that is shared be a witness of the unity we share together by our common identity in Christ. Giving thanks for the gift of baptism, we lift up those children, parents and sponsors who have recently been received into the family of faith. We pray especially for:

Cameron James Tipple - February 19 Ryan Matthew Murkowski - February 19 Katie Ann Murkowski - February 19 Hudson Charles Adkins - March 18 Sydney Michael Paape - March 25 Angela Emma Bradford - March 25

A WEDDING

In celebration for lives joined together in the covenant of marriage, we pray especially

Tammy Bednorski and Timothy Gass - January 19 Kelly Beese and Benton Rose - May 12 Annie Tress and Joshua Smith - May 26

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY...

Darrell Lee DeHaan - January 18 Jack N. Brandt - January 28 Randy D. Froehlich - February 1 William E. Rader - February 20

PRAYER CENTER

In response to personal requests, the Prayer Center list will not only be recognized in worship but also on this side of the calendar each month. As you review the day to day list of events that take place at Saint Andrew, please also give consideration to those who have requested prayers. Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? (*Please ask first*). Call the church office at 842-3333 to have names added to the list at the Prayer Center. Names will be updated on a regular basis.



FOR THESE WE PRAY...

Florian Jim & Marilyn Whitney Ali Tracv Tracy Stelzer Andy & Gloria Frank, Deb and Ryan John Zach Waack Gary Somers Kaylin Anna Babs George Schoeder Maddie Zoe Irene Soroko Mary Thomas Roberts Barb Ben Kregel Irma Breese Noah Harvey Lauermann Jan Waraksa Nora Turner Irma Koenig **Brad Cory** Bruce Scholl Janice Tyler Pat Laura Glassford Renee Thomsen Callie and Zak Teeters Jean Bassett Ruth Kruzan Carrie Zimmer Jennifer Bradley Ron Horst Roland Zerneke Danny Stoltz Jerry Stuart Suzi Kittson Ella, Erik and Becky Jerry Kostroski

Thank you, Lord, for always answering prayer, but not indulging my every petty, private request. Thank you for winnowing and refining, vetoing and delaying, refusing and revising. Thank you for being God and never less, for freeing me for wide horizons, for protecting me from my limited vision and wayward will. Thank you for foiling my every effort to unseat you and make myself king. Thank you for keeping it safe for me to pray.

—Gerhard E. Frost

From Seasons of a Lifetime: A Treasury of Meditations (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1989, p. 118)