

Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS — *Pastor*



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4

A recent Bible Study group was discussing the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. In our conversation, we began to ponder this mysterious and often under-valued person of the God-head. In the Large Catechism, Luther wrote more on the third article than on either of the others—twice as much as on the first article (God the Father), and almost three times as much as on the second (God the Son). So why is it that we — Lutherans — are often quick to dismiss the person and work of the Holy Spirit? The first reference to the Holy Spirit is in the first story of Genesis when the “wind/breath of God hovered over the face of the deep.” I like to think of the Holy Spirit as God’s creative power in the world. Jesus describes it as Advocate whom he would send after his ascension to be with the disciples in furthering the mission of Christ’s church. The book of Acts is filled with references to the Holy Spirit and the rate by which the Christian community grew is truly impressive as the direct result of the work of the Holy Spirit. May 27 is the Day of Pentecost and often considered the birthday of the church. The Bible study group thought it would be fun to sample what that first Pentecost experience might be like when the Spirit came upon the believers like the sound of a mighty wind and people began to speak in different languages. The challenge therefore is to learn a phrase in what you consider to be your native tongue. At the end of worship on May 27, we will share that phrase aloud and make a noise that might be reminiscent of that special day. The phrase? “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” I was amazed to learn that among those 15 or so people at the Bible study, there were at least a dozen different languages represented. German, Finn, Polish, Dutch, Norwegian, Swede, Dane to name a few. What language might you share? I urge you to learn this phrase and be prepared to share it aloud as a whole. It might be fun to consider all the many voices through which we call upon the name of the Lord and yet who are called to serve a common mission and purpose.

“Som faderen har sendt meg så jeg sender du.”

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Thursdays
Sundays

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

Thursday, May 10 / Sunday, May 13

We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the

Thursday, May 17 / Sunday, May 20

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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

Remembering Zeerust
Thursday, May 17 & Sunday, May 20

A candle will be lit during worship to highlight our partnership with our sister congregation of Zeerust Lutheran Church in South Africa. Also, help support their upcoming visit this summer by bringing a "Noisy Offering". Last month, \$345.35 was generously given! **Fair Trade Coffee** will be available for purchase following the services.

Treasure Sale Thank You

Thank you to all who donated, set-up, worked and shopped at the Treasure Sale. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministry and is very much appreciated!

Paintball: Grades 9-12

May 20, 1 pm
Meet at church to go to Singers in Tomahawk for paintballing. The cost is \$30 for rental and extra paintballs.

Food Pantry Needs

The SALC Food Pantry currently needs the following items:

- pancake mix, syrup, cereal, rice, kidney beans, canned fruit, assorted soups, tuna, frosting and toilet paper.*

Please drop off items in the designated baskets at the building entrances. Thank you!

Quilting Groups

All are welcome! Enjoy a potluck lunch and fellowship.
Second and Third Tuesday of each month 10 am-4 pm

Reading Reflections

Tuesdays, 9-10 am
The group has just begun a study on the book of John. It's not too late to participate -all are welcome!

OWLS Meet Charles Schoenfeld, Author

Local author, Charles Schoenfeld, will review his book "A Funny Thing Happened on My Way to the Dementia Ward: Memoir of a Male CNA" following the potluck lunch at the church. The book is available at Janke's Bookstore for \$15 or the day of the potluck. An OWL who wrote:

"He came to the Birnamwood Library for a little program. IT WAS FANTASTIC! I know our group will be impressed with his compassion and passion for the subject of the care of people with dementia. I just hope that if I ever find myself in that shape that there will be someone like him to take care of me. I got so much more out of the program reading the book ahead of time."

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

Last Days of Church School
Thursday, May 17 & Sunday, May 20

Worship Schedule Change
Beginning Sunday May 27, summer worship will be at 8 and 9:30 am.

Fastpitch Softball
Please call the church office if you are interested in playing softball. Practice begins soon!

VBS
June 25-29, 1-4 pm

Watch upcoming Networks for more details on these events!

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

May 13

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Ray Skare
10:30 am - James Jordan

Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth
Joleen Meier
Ann McDonald

Fellowship

8:00 am - Joel & Sara Widmann
10:30 am - Ann McDonald

Greeters

8:00 am - John Brauer & Lenette Hoover
10:30 am - Jeff & Pam Kyhos

Nursery

8:00 am - TBD
10:30 am - Jess & Hannah Tipple

Lectionary Readings

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 20

Ushers

Brekke Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Jonnie Malm
10:30 am - Renee Schroeder

Altar Guild

Team 3: Cindy Brenner
Carmen Siegel
Vicki Porter

Fellowship

8:00 am - Ann McDonald & Sandra Fischer
10:30 am - Pete & Cheri Brodzeller

Greeters

8:00 am - Jennifer & Courney Grieser
10:30 am - Pam Clark & Cindy Markowski

Nursery

8:00 am - TBD
10:30 am - Ken & Jess Bloom

Lectionary Readings

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Sunday, May 13, 9:15 am-Fellowship

“It is with pleasure that we present Jennie Collins. Jennie is a Graduate of Luther College and will complete seminary studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary in May. On the weekend of April 13th, the Call Committee met with Jennie to get to know her in a casual setting and then in a formal interview the following day. We learned that Jennie is a spirited, eloquent and intelligent individual that loves singing, preaching and outdoor ministry. She knows, understands and looks forward to the challenges she will be faced with here at Saint Andrew. It is with great confidence and celebration that the Call Committee and Church Council unanimously recommend to the congregation Jennie Collins for consideration as candidate for Associate Pastor at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church.” - Michael Johnson, Call Committee Chair.

Please plan to attend this special meeting as we consider extending a Call to Jennie Collins for the position

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the people of Saint Andrew,

Thank you all for your participation in a beautiful retirement service and a fantastic reception. It was a day Darlene and I will never forget — from the overflowing crowd, inspirational music, and meaningful service in the afternoon followed by a reception that was literally over-the-top.

Thank you for the many cards, gifts, and the incredible memory scrapbook, and fishing rod and hat from the Sunday school.

It was overwhelming to hear about the considerable monetary gifts given to the Seminary Fund in my honor. I was speechless for a change.

Words cannot fully express or convey the sentiments and emotions we both felt at the end of that day. I can only say “thank you” for sending me into my next journey of life in a manner and way that will live in our memories forever.

May God bless you, the people of Saint Andrew, as you carry on with the mission of being open to all people, supporting Pastor Craig in his new role as Lead Pastor, welcoming new pastoral leadership and staff, and sharing the story of God’s love, grace, and mercy for all people through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pr. John and Darlene Roseth +

NEW FROM ZEERUST

We just received the names and ages of our guests! Approximately 35 more host families are needed to house our guests. A chart for sign-up will be available in the Fellowship Hall. 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 is available in the Narthex or from the Saint Andrew website. The excitement continues to build for the visit of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from our companion synod church in Zeerust, South Africa!

Any and all help is needed and appreciated to prepare for and participate with this visit.

VBS COMING SOON! “Sky-Everything is Possible With God” June 25-29, 1-4

Register before June 1 to receive a “Sky” VBS shirt per child and one CD per family. Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall or register online at: www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/salcvbs.

Volunteers are needed for all areas-Crew Leaders, Station Leaders and Helpers. These forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- See pg. 3 for ways to volunteer and be involved with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Zeerust!
- A great way to *recycle your paper*-drop your recyclable paper in the *Magic Paper Box* in the West Parking Lot. See pg. 2.
- 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*
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NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the *May 24* Network is: **Wednesday, May 16.**

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At Saint Andrew—May 13-26

Sunday, May 13

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am *Special Congregational Meeting-Call Process*
 9:15 am Church School
 10:30 am WORSHIP

Monday, May 14

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

Tuesday, May 15

9:00 am Mtg: Reading Reflections
 10:00 am Quilting for LWR

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

5:00 pm Lay School

Saturday, May 19

8:00 am Lay School
 1:00 pm Lay School Graduation

Sunday, May 20

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Church School
 9:15 am New Member Orientation
 10:30 am *WORSHIP-Reception of New Members*

Monday, May 21

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:00 pm Mtg: Church Council

Tuesday, May 22

9:00 am Mtg: Reading Reflections

Thursday, May 23

12:15 pm WORSHIP
 6:15 pm WORSHIP

Saturday, May 26

2:00 pm Tress/Smith Wedding

Please Note:

The church office will be closed *Monday, May 28* in observance of Memorial Day.