

Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS—*Pastor Jenn*

I was with some friends, barreling through some pretty substantial rapids on a river in West Virginia. Although I had never been rafting before, and had my reservations—I had succumbed to peer pressure and before I knew it—a college student was giving me a crash course in paddles, life jackets, and helmets. Because it had rained, the rapids were higher and more wild than expected. Although things started out smoothly, before we knew it, several of us had been thrown out of the boat and left to our own senses to make our way through the rapids in hopes of being scooped up by the guide. In that moment, I was at the mercy of my circumstance—but after a brief moment in the water, the guide scooped me up and away we went.

In Holy Baptism, we give thanks to God for water and we recount a history of how God has moved in relationship to God's people throughout the ages—from the waters of creation, to the deliverance of Noah and the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. In the calm and peaceful streams and the raging tumultuous rivers, we can be sure that God is with us as we live into who God has created and called each one of us to be.

On Monday, July 9th I was formally installed as Associate Pastor at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church. I am truly grateful for the graciousness many of you have shared in such a great welcome through your prayers and in person, as well as numerous notes and gifts. I thank God for having been called to be among you in partnership with Pastor Craig and the staff. I am also thankful for how special this time has been with Vacation Bible School and the visit from our companions from Zeerust.

In worship we move our focus to the letter of Ephesians. In this letter we find some major theological themes: the oneness of the church, unity in Christ, and what it means to live out our baptismal callings. Together in the waters we will hear familiar scripture that will guide us to a better understanding of what life "In Christ" is all about. And so, here we go down the river together—trusting in God to guide us.

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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WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

Thursday, July 19 / Sunday, July 22

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

Thursday, July 26 / Sunday, July 29

This is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

ACTIVITIES

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, August 5, 10:30 am
Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism.

Upcoming Events...

OWLS

Tuesday, August 7, 11:30 am
Activity to be determined.

Dartball

Sundays, August 12 & 26, 1 pm
A day to try out dartball. All are welcome!

Church Picnic/Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 9
Bring the family-all are welcome!

Watch future Networks and bulletins for more details coming soon!

Food Pantry Needs

The SALC Food pantry currently needs the following items: tuna, canned soups (not creamed), canned beans, mustard, pasta sauces and jelly. Please drop off items in the designated baskets at the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the SALC Food Pantry!

Celebration Patio Pavers

If you would like to have a paver dedicated to a loved one, pick up a form in the narthex and return it to the church office with payment. Examples of celebrations could include the following: birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, in memory of, in honor of, new members, charter members and many more! Personalize a paver for your celebration!

SALC VBS A GREAT SUCCESS

"Everything is Possible With God" was the theme for Sky VBS this year. We had 40 awesome flight crew leaders teaching 70 of our young people that no matter where you are or what you do-you can "trust God". Our young people also participated in an "Operation Kid-to-Kid" mission and raised \$332.89 for the malaria campaign in Africa. WOW!! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a fun and memorable experience for our children?



PET SUNDAY



Sunday, August 19, 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. Please help with your pet's clean-up if needed.

ASSISTING *with* WORSHIP

July 22

Ushers

Shepherd Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Dewey Allen
9:30 am - Eric Verber

Altar Guild

Team 1: Shelby Niskanen
Sandra Fischer
Mary Weiland

Fellowship

8:00 am - Keith & Sandi Rusch
9:30 am - Roger & Ruth Poutanen

Greeters

8:00 am - John & Pat Barnett
9:30 am - Amy Frolik & Ann McDonald

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Gary Hibbard
9:30 am - Marilyn Olson

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke
Sue McFaul
Jodi Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Steve & Kay Sitko
9:30 am - Greg & Jeanne Willems

Greeters

8:00 am - Marv & Joleen Meier
9:30 am - Sandra Fischer & Rita Sopata

Lectionary Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

SUMMER REFLECTIONS— *Pastor Craig*

“The heat is on!” It has been an unusually warm summer thus far and there is little to indicate it will let up anytime soon. In the past couple of weeks, I have made trips to Appleton and Green Bay and noticed a significant difference in the condition of the crops by the time I got past Stevens Point. The generous rains we received a few weeks ago were not widespread and fizzled out just a little to the south of Wausau. The recent winds have felt less like summer breezes and more like a blast furnace sucking up what little moisture is left to meet the demands of suffering crops. I have learned that in Illinois, farmers are cutting down their corn fields and bailing or chopping the plants for grainless fodder to salvage what they can for livestock. One of my cousins farms the family farm and raises a few cattle of his own. The pasture land he has rented is drying up and he is cutting all the waterways and road ditches he can as hay to feed his herd.

The challenges of life continue on the heels of an economic system that is trying to recover and people who graduate or are in job transition often learn that it takes longer than expected to find work. And yet, we are people of faith. We are children of God whose history is recorded in the scriptures that describe other generations of people who struggled with life challenges and clung to their hope that we know as God’s living and sustaining word.

What are the dry places in your lives that long for refreshing and cooling waters of life to restore hope and courage for you? Weekly worship is filled with opportunities to taste and see that the Lord is good and that through Word and Sacraments, we feast on the bread of life and are washed in the waters of Baptism to be renewed and strengthened in our weariness and have our hope and joy restored for the sake of serving as witnesses of God’s empowering Spirit in the world.

Twenty-five high school youth and adult chaperones are in New Orleans at the National Youth Gathering. They are with some 33,000 other “citizens with the saints” to worship, learn, witness and serve for the sake of the gospel. Please join me in praying for the time they are away and the experiences that help shape their faith. There is a link to the gathering on the Saint Andrew website (www.salc-wausau.org) to follow their journey.

Many times it seems the heat is turned up and we are challenged by life’s circumstances. But even in the challenging times of life, we hold fast to the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus and the ways he unites and empowers us for the sake of equipping us as saints and servants in God’s kingdom.

MADI KWE CIRCUIT VISIT-A JOYFUL BLESSING

Heartfelt thanks goes out to the Zeerust planning group, parish staff, Social Ministry and the entire congregation of Saint Andrew for the generous hospitality and ministry that was shared with our brothers and sisters from Zeerust South Africa these past three weeks. The months of planning, noisy offerings and offers to assist in a multitude of ways provided a strong foundation for a joyful visit.

Their departure on Monday morning, with hugs, smiles and tearful goodbyes was an end only for this time together. Saint Andrew’s partnership with Zeerust Lutheran Church has been significantly strengthened from this opportunity and will continue to grow in the years to come. Watch and listen for new ways that Saint Andrew will have to stay connected and build on this wonderful experience.

Please Note: There will be a “debrief” meeting held this Sunday, July 22nd following the 9:30 am worship service for those who hosted and were actively involved to share feedback. Also, anyone who has pictures, please share these via email, disc or jump drive.



Time and Talent
Opportunities to
SUPPORT
the Mission

- See pg. 2 for the SALC Food Pantry current needs.
- 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. Craig Swenson, *Pastor*
Rev. Jenn Collins, *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 *August 2* Network is: **Wednesday, July 25.**

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At Saint Andrew—July 22-August 4

National Youth Gathering; July 15-23

Sunday, July 22

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:30 am **WORSHIP**

Monday, July 23

6:15 pm Softball vs. New Hope @ SV4
7:00 pm *Mtg:* Church Council
7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

Tuesday, July 24

9:00 am Reading Reflections

Thursday, July 26

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

Sunday, July 29

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:30 am **WORSHIP**

Monday, July 30

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
7:45 pm Softball vs. Trinity @ SV4

Tuesday, July 31

9:00 am Reading Reflections

Thursday, August 2

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

Saturday, August 4

8:00 pm Peterson/Clemment Wedding
(off-site)

A BAPTISM

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:

Alexander Wade Tasche—May 13
Gavin Michael Holleran - June 3
Anna Lee Schmidt - June 14
Westin John Berens - July 1
Kaylin Elaine Koeppel - July 5
Olivia Grace Olson - July 8
Xander Matthew and
Donavin Kenneth Kracium - July 29
Mason Charles Haroldson - July 29
Brooklyn Diane Olafson - August 5
Harper Grace Page - August 26

A WEDDING

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

Kelly Beese and Benton Rose - May 12
Annie Tress and Joshua Smith - May 26
Hailey Punke and David Boehmer - June 2
Jenny Gerbig and Mark Vanderkoi - June 9
Leslie Williams and Aaron Hirsch - June 23
Amber Zastrow and Bryce Whereatt - July 21
Cheryl Sperry and Steve Benson - July 21
Carrie Peterson and Mike Clemment - August 4
Alison Prott and Ben Johnson - August 11
Allie Schneider and Sam Kent - August 25
Amber Rands and David Geiger - September 15
Marie Nestigen and Brian Heise - September 22
Deb Procknow and Chris Tuft - September 29
Heidi Holtz and Aaron Guenther - September 29

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...

Ali	Florence Blaher	Laura	Suzi Kittson
Andy & Gloria	Gary Somers	Leann	Thomas Roberts
Babs	George Schoeder	Maddie	Tracy
Barb	Irene Soroko	Marty	Tracy Stelzer
Ben Kregel	Irma Breese	Mary	Verna
Brad Cory	James Jennejohn	Mirek Family	Zach Waack
Bruce Scholl	Jean Bassett	Noah	Harvey Lauermann
Callie and Zak Teeters	Jennifer Bradley	Nora Turner	Irma Koenig
Carrie Zimmer	Jim & Marilyn Whitney	Pat	Laura Glassford
Danny Stoltz	Joe	Renee Thomsen	Roland Zerneke
Dixie	John	Rodney Rowland	
Don Headke	Jonel	Ron Horst	
Ella, Erik and Becky	Kaylin	Sue	

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)