

# Network



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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS—*Pastor Jenn*

*"Indeed, the word of God is living and active..."* HEBREWS 4:12

I have a small Bible that sits at home on a table by my chair. Its leather bound in tan and blue and the pages are gilded, although worn. This tiny Bible was the Bible that I most often carried with me throughout seminary. It's small enough to fit into my bag and light enough to carry with me most places. This Bible has been in hospital rooms and on mountain tops and in classrooms – and now it sits on the table at home. I've spent quite a bit of time lately thinking, "I should read my Bible more."

When I read the Bible, most of the time it's for the sake of either preaching or in preparation for study – but sometimes I find it more difficult to read scripture for sake of my devotional life and spiritual wellbeing. One of the patterns that I've adapted as I work my way to more faithful dwelling in the scriptures is to read one of the Psalms each day. What are the ways that you have found to stay connected to scripture? If you are not in a daily practice of reading scripture, there are several good places to start. For some it's through the devotional available at SALC called, "Christ in Our Home." For others, you may be plugged into the various lectionary readings each week. Some suggest beginning with the gospel of Matthew and the other gospels. Others find reading plans on-line.

Scripture is a beautiful witness to who God is and how God moves throughout the human story. Simply put, meditation in the scriptures connects us to the promises that God has for us and when we read or hear God's word, we can trust that it has something to say to each of us. So how do we know what God's word says to us? Sometimes I find there are places that stick in my mind or my heart. Perhaps we find a **phrase on repeat** as a gentle reminder of God's promises. Perhaps there is a part of scripture that we find agitating or confusing. Whatever the case, the word of God – connects us to the promises of God on so many levels and is right before us – sometimes only inches away – maybe even on a table by your chair.

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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## WEEKLY WORSHIP

Thursdays  
Sundays

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

Thursday, August 16 / Sunday, August 19

Thursday, August 23 / Sunday, August 26

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## ACTIVITIES

### LWR School Bags and Supplies

**How can you help?** By sewing an easier than ever, newly designed drawstring school bag from a kit available in the kiosk in the Narthex! OR, you can pick a tag from the display in the Fellowship Hall representing various school supplies needed. Completed school bags and purchased school supplies should be returned to SALC by **Sunday, September 16**. The Noisy Offering this month will be used to offset shipping costs.

### Ministry Night

*Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 pm*

This month there will be a potluck meal with the Zeerust guests prior to the meeting at 5:30. All are welcome to participate in the ministry of their choice. All ministries gather in the Fellowship Hall for devotions before breaking into their individual meetings. Come and see how your time and talent can help serve in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

### Pet Sunday Worship

*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.



### Try Dartball!

*Sundays, August 12 & 26, 1 pm*

If you have never heard of dartball or are looking for a way to spend Monday evenings in fun and fellowship beginning this fall, consider joining the Saint Andrew Dartball team. On two Sundays in August, the board will be set up in the Fellowship Hall to stop in and give it a try. No previous experience needed. All are welcome!

## ENJOY A MUG OF COFFEE

You may have recently noticed people enjoying their coffee from a mug instead of a styrofoam cup. Fellowship Ministry has decided to go green and start using ceramic mugs and reusable plastic juice cups. There were plenty of mismatched mugs in the kitchen to start with, but eventually more mugs will be needed this fall. So, check your cabinets for any mug you would like donate for Fellowship.

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, September 9, 11:00 am** All are welcome!

**Where:** Celebration Patio (inside if it rains)

**What:** Hamburger, brats and hotdogs will be provided, but please bring a dish to share:

A – O ....bring a salad or side dish

P– Z ....bring a dessert

### Helpers Needed:

**Before:** set up chairs, tables, tents and kid's games

**During:** help run kid's games (*encourage your teens to help*)

**After:** take down chairs, tables, small tents and kid's games

*Please call the church office to let us know when you can help!*

### Donations Needed:

**Toys (new or used)** for kids prizes - please drop off at SALC by Sept. 5th

**Door prizes** – call church to make arrangements

**Cakes and cupcakes** for the cake walk-cardboard cake rounds provided

## ASSISTING *with* WORSHIP

### August 19

#### Ushers

Weidman Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Ray Skare

9:30 am - Shirley Bickford

#### Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom

Mary Wittich

Pam Levra

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Sheldon & Connie Geiger

9:30 am - Eric & Jamie Hane

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Jennifer & Courtney

Grieser

9:30 am - Adam & Kathy Wurz

#### Lectionary Readings

Proverbs 9:1–6

Psalm 34:9–14

Ephesians 5:15–20

John 6:51–58

### August 26

#### Ushers

Johnson Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Jonnie Malm

9:30 am - Renee Schroeder

#### Altar Guild

Team 3: Sheila McCarthy

Carmen Siegel

Darlene Caillouette

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Bill & Lucy Harvey

9:30 am - Bernie, LeAnn & Cadin Stankowski

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Eugene & Nancy Moyer

9:30 am - David & Susan Paisar

#### Lectionary Readings

Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

Psalm 34:15–22

Ephesians 6:10–20

John 6:56–69

**CONFIRMATION OVERVIEW** — *Pastor Craig*

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**CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!**

Volunteer and make a big difference! Prayerfully consider serving as a Sunday or Thursday School Teacher. We are still in need of the following teachers:

Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Thursday

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher (Every other week)

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

If you would like to serve as a teacher or you want to find out more information please contact the Coordinator of Christian Education, Matt Seegert, at [matt@salc-wausau.org](mailto:matt@salc-wausau.org) or 715-252-3600. Sunday and Thursday School registration and rally will happen in conjunction with the church picnic on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> after the 9:15 am service. Check the next Network for more information. Thanks and see you there!



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

- Like to sew or shop? See pg. 2 for details on how to support the LWR need for school bags and school supplies.
- Volunteer time, prizes or cake for the SALC Annual Picnic. Page 2 has all the 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. Craig Swenson, *Pastor*  
 Rev. Jenn Collins, *Pastor*  
 Rev. Jeff Martinson, *Pastor*  
 Shelby Gjertson, *Parish Administrator*  
 Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*  
 Matt Seegert, *Coordinator of Christian Education*  
 Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*  
 Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*  
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 Ron Sandquist, *Sexton*

**NETWORK Deadline**

The deadline to submit articles for the *August 30* Network is: **Wednesday, August 22.**

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**At Saint Andrew—August 19-September 1**

**Sunday, August 19**

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
 9:30 am **WORSHIP-BLESSING OF PETS AND ANIMALS**

**Monday, August 20**

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

**Tuesday, August 21**

10:00 am Quilting for LWR  
 11:30 am *Mtg:* Memorial Gift

**Thursday, August 23**

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

**Saturday, August 25**

12:00 pm Schneider/Kent Wedding

**Sunday, August 26**

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

**Monday, August 27**

6:30 pm *Mtg:* Church Council  
 7:45 pm Softball vs. St. John's @ SV4

**Thursday, August 30**

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

**Upcoming Dates to Note**

*Wednesday, September 5*

*Thursday, September 6*

*Sunday, September 9*

*Sunday, September 16*

Confirmation Classes Begin

Rally Thursday

Rally Sunday and Church Picnic

Fall Worship Schedule Begins:

*8 and 10:30 am*