

# Network



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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS FROM — *Pastor Craig*

In a recent article from the editor in *The Lutheran* (September 2012) comes the following reflection about this summer's National Youth Gathering event in New Orleans. "The gathering was a time to grasp the beauty of what God has allowed us to receive and share as grace-drenched Lutherans who sometimes forget how much this world hungers for a story of hope and spiritual depth. It was a foretaste of what our ELCA could become if we really believed that every congregation could be a mission community re-rooting in their communities where God is already creating new signs of the presence of the risen Christ."

It was a hot and dry summer and different sources advised it would be a good thing to aerate my lawn. Doing so pulls plugs of soil from the sod to allow moisture to penetrate and encourage root development which makes for a healthier lawn. I have long understood the consequences of soil compaction as it relates to healthy roots. When the soil is hard and dry, the roots cannot penetrate deep into the soil and the plants suffer for lack of water and vital nutrients. When the soil is moist and fertile, roots are strong and plants are healthier. A couple hours of labor seemed a good investment in a healthier lawn.

The same holds true for our faith. Unless we tend to the roots of faith we can waver at the first challenge we face and the good we intend suffers for lack of hope and encouragement. We need a deeper connection. We need to allow God to feed our faith Word and Sacraments, by worship and education. Regular worship is like a sport's practice or scrimmage. We can't go it alone. Regular watering and amending of the soil results in lives that are vibrant and ready to respond in witness and service through Christ's mission. Fed and nourished we are more drought tolerant and better equipped as citizens in God's kingdom. We are more readily prepared to share of our time and our resources for we realize we are part of the same mission with shared vision for the work God has entrusted to our care.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP

Thursdays  
Sundays

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

**\*\*Fall Worship Schedule Begins\*\***  
**Sunday, September 16; 8 and 10:30 am**

*"Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy  
to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence  
with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout  
to the Lord with psalms."  
—Psalm 95:1,2*

**Education for all grades and ages**  
**Sunday Mornings at 9:15 am**  
**4k-5**—Spark Curriculum (lectionary based)  
**6**—Bible Basics  
**7 & 8**—Junior High conversations and activities around Word, Witness and Service  
**9-12**—High School conversations and activities around Word, Witness and Service  
**Adults**—Bible Study

**Sunday Evenings**  
**Adults**— 6:30 pm—Bible Study

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

### Dedication of LWR School Bags & Quilts

Thank you to all who shared time and talents to create the needed school bags and quilts and donated supplies to fill these bags for Lutheran World Relief. They will be dedicated **this Sunday September 16** before they are packaged and sent through LWR Ingathering and eventually around the world.

### Sunday Evening Bible Study

*resumes September 16* at 6:30 pm. Together we will process a resource called "Baptized We Live." (see the SALC website under education for more information) All are welcome. Cost for the workbook is \$5.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

*begins September 16* during the church school hour. This schedule is also on the SALC website.

### Reading Reflections

*Tuesdays at SALC, 9 am*

An ongoing reading group, the next study will be on Ruth, "A Girl's Still Got It", beginning *Tuesday, September 25*. All are Welcome!

### "Christ In Our Home"

#### Devotionals

The 2012 fourth quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are now available in the Narthex. These resources are available for all who are interested.

### SALC Food Pantry is in Need!

The SALC Food Pantry continues to be utilized every week by many. Next time you're shopping, please pick up some items to help re-stock the Food Pantry. *All non-perishable food is currently needed, especially: mayonnaise, ketchup, soup, canned fruit, crackers, cereal and toilet paper.* Items can be placed in the baskets at the entrances of the church. Thank you for supporting the SALC Food Pantry!

## CROP WALK COMING SOON!



*Sunday, October 7*

*12:30 pm*

Want to help change the world?

Join the Crop Hunger Walk at

Marathon Park. Information and pledge forms will be available between services in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office at 715-842-3333. This year the walk will have 1-mile, 3-mile and 6-mile options.

## LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY CLASSES BEGIN

The Central Wisconsin School of Lay Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin was established in September 1999, to assist pastors and churches to further equip and empower adult lay persons in the fulfillment of their callings to serve Christ. Classes will begin Friday and Saturday, **September 21 and 22** at Saint Andrew and are then held once a month through May. For more information, contact Jeanette Carlson at 715-848-2108 or Mary Neumann at 715-693-2087 or 715-573-9516.



*"Equipping Laity for Christ's Mission"*

## ASSISTING *with* WORSHIP

### September 16

#### Ushers

B Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Jim Branning

9:30 am - Pete Porter

#### Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage

Patty Marceille

Julie Weller

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Ray & Terri Skare

9:30 am - Renee Schroeder,

Dennis Klockziem

& Lois Irick

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Jennifer & Courtney

Grieser

9:30 am - DeEnna, Jason, Noah

& Hunter Gnatz

#### Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

### September 23

#### Ushers

Brekke Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Joleen Meier

9:30 am - Carolyn Kiesau

#### Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth

Joleen Meier

Ann McDonald

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Sid & Leslie

Sorenson

9:30 am - Annette Green &

Babs Hintz

#### Greeters

8:00 am -

9:30 am -

#### Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 54

James 3:13-4:3; 4:7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

## GOOD STEWARDS

With Fall programming comes a renewed focus on Stewardship. This is an annual effort to ask for your participation and support for the ministry opportunities we share. In truth, stewardship is not a once per year emphasis but a way of life that affects how we care for all that God has entrusted to our care. Once again, the fall stewardship emphasis will include two mailings. A mailing will be sent the first week of October along with a booklet that gives suggestions for ways you can share your gifts of time and talents to participate more fully in the mission of Christ's church through Saint Andrew. This mailing will include a card for you to express your interests and ways you wish to be involved.

A second mailing will arrive two weeks later to allow you an opportunity to express your intentions of financial support for the 2013 calendar year. Please watch for these mailings and begin now to consider ways you wish to support and participate in shared ministry efforts through Saint Andrew. Thank you!

## YOUTH NEWS



A **facebook** site for the Saint Andrew youth programming can be accessed directly through the url address, [www.facebook.com/salc.wausau.youth](http://www.facebook.com/salc.wausau.youth), (this is a revised web address and QR Code) the Saint Andrew website, or by scanning the QR code here with a mobile device. Check it out and begin connecting ideas and information.



### **Youth group starts this Sunday, September 16 at 9:15 am**

Senior High will meet in the youth room and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the activity room.

### **Pizza and Elections**

Senior High youth, please plan on attending dinner at church on **Sunday, September 23, from 5:00-6:30 pm**. Come eat pizza, share about your summer, elect a new youth board, and meet Matt Seegert, the Coordinator of Christian Education.

## REFLECTIONS FROM — *Pastor Jenn*

*"This is to certify that Rev. Jennie Collins member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186 has requested membership be transferred to Saint Andrew Lutheran Church of Wausau, Wisconsin 54401; and is commended to the Christian fellowship and nurture of that congregation."*

This past week my "Certificate of Transfer" arrived in the mail here at church. I joined St. Luke's in May of 2001 when I had just turned 18, two weeks before graduating from high school. This October, I will be received as a new member alongside several others who have come to visit Saint Andrew and have connected in such a way that they hope to join this community of faith. St. Luke's is a congregation much like Saint Andrew. In the 11 years of my membership there, I was poured into – and then, they sent me out with a blessing.

When we as a congregation pour into the lives of people –whether through worship, learning, witness or service opportunities—we can't always know if there will be a "return" on our "investment" in one another. I am grateful for the time at St. Luke's. I am also thankful for such a beautiful "good bye" because it meant a beautiful "hello" here at Saint Andrew. As we continue to grow and receive new members – it is good to remember the charge that we have—we are "commended to Christian fellowship and nurture" of one another. As I think about my own journey, I think about the possibility of helping to send others on a similar journey. May we come and go as messengers of the gospel to the world, commended to one another!



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

- See page 2 for the SALC Food Pantry current needs.
- CROP Walk in Wausau-see page 2 for registration 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*  
 Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*  
 Jared Gjertson, *Sexton*

**NETWORK Deadline**

The deadline to submit articles for the *September 26* Network is: **Wednesday, September 18.**

*Open to All*



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**At Saint Andrew—September 16-29**

**Sunday, September 16**

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
 9:15 am Church School  
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**  
 10:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir  
 1:00 pm Dartball Practice  
 3:00 pm Serve Community Dinner  
 6:30 pm Bible Study

**Monday, September 17**

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

**Tuesday, September 18**

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

**Wednesday, September 19**

6:15 pm Confirmation Classes  
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

**Thursday, September 20**

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

**Friday, September 21**

5:00 pm Lay School of Ministry

**Saturday, September 22**

8:00 am Lay School of Ministry  
 3:30 pm Nestingen/Heise Wedding

**Sunday, September 23**

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
 9:15 am Church School  
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**  
 10:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir  
 5:00 pm Senior High Youth Elections and Pizza  
 6:30 pm Bible Study

**Monday, September 24**

6:30 pm *Mtg:* Church Council  
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

**Tuesday, September 25**

9:00 am Reading Reflections

**Wednesday, September 26**

6:15 pm Confirmation Classes  
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

**Thursday, September 27**

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

**Saturday, September 29**

2:00 pm Procknow/Tuft Wedding  
 4:00 pm Holtz/Guenther Wedding (Off-site)