

Network



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BECAUSE OF CHRIST...

I was out for dinner with an old childhood friend – and over some Mexican cuisine we spent some time catching up on the state of our lives. While our situations vary, it seemed as though we both were sharing out of a sense of depravity. In search for balance, success, and happiness, we both were skipping over where life was full to consider the places in our lives that were not-so-full.

In Numbers 11, the LORD was angry, Moses was displeased and begging for his own death, and the Israelites were complaining. They had eaten the manna that the LORD has provided but now they couldn't stand it. Fine flakey bread mashed into cakes was all they had eaten – and they had such powerful memories of the fish, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic they had for food back in Egypt. How could Moses bear the weight of 600,000 people and the depth of their cravings for food more substantial than the manna? The Israelites were so hungry that they longed to go back to Egypt. Perhaps their time in the wilderness shortened their memories. While they ate well in Egypt, they were enslaved by Pharaoh and forced into labor. Egypt was not better.

Our cravings take us into some strange wilderness places. A sense of purpose, a better relationship, more things or power or status – whatever the case, we long for a completeness that doesn't seem to ever be met. We say to one another, "Life would be better if..." When we do that, we acknowledge a certain kind of incompleteness and a kind of hunger that never seems to be satisfied. In the book of Numbers, God hears the cries of the Israelites and provides them with quail for food – beyond what they could imagine. And all the more, God's spirit is present with them, resting in the camp. God hears their cry, satisfies their hunger, and they are nourished.

A prayer I often pray when I feel unsatisfied is this, "God, thank you for making me whole." While we experience loss and longing, we can remember that God is present with us even in the midst of our cravings, providing in ways beyond what we could imagine. Yes, "life may be better if..." but as beloved children of God we are fed and nourished, and indeed, because of Christ, we are whole.

Pastor Jenn

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Thursdays
Sundays

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

Thursday, September 27 / Sunday, September 30

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Thursday, October 4 / Sunday, October 7

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

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

CROP Walk Next 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 this Sunday or contact the church office at 715-842-3333. This year the walk will have 1-mile, 3-mile and 6-mile options.

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, October 7, 9:15 am

Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism.

Thank You!

A special thank you to the many volunteers making the church picnic a success. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated. The Fellowship Ministry hopes all who attended had a good time, enjoyed the beautiful weather and fellowship.

Ministry Night

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 pm

All are welcome to participate in the ministry of their choice on Ministry Night. 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.

SALC Food Pantry is in Need!

Thank you to all who have brought donated items to help re-stock the Food Pantry-it is looking better! All non-perishable food is still currently needed to keep the pantry full for ~~needed food baskets~~.

"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.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Save the Date for 'Equipping the Saints' - a workshop for those who serve the servants in worship. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 20, 8:30-Noon** at Saint Andrew. This workshop is for all ushers, lay readers, communion ministers, nursery volunteers, altar guild members and anyone who is interested in learning more about those roles. This is a morning event to meet together and refresh our skills as they pertain to worship. More details to follow in the next Network. All are welcome!



FALL CLEAN-UP AND PRUNING

The Property Ministry is planning to prune the building landscape and do the fall clean-up on **Saturday, October 13 from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon**. Please join us in service and fellowship as we care for Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Many hands make for light work!

Questions: Please call the church office at 715-842-3333

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, October 14 & 21, 9:15 am

Orientation will be held on both Sundays, October 14 & 21. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on October 21. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to express your intent.

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

September 30

Ushers

Weidman Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Julie Spalding

10:30 am - Shelby Niskanen

Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth
Joleen Meier
Ann McDonald

Fellowship

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie
Mueller

10:30 am - Mary Wittich &
Ann McDonald

Greeters

8:00 am - Chuck & Kelly
Kubisiak

10:30 am - Margy Kersten &
Annette Green

Nursery

10:30 am - Open

Lectionary Readings

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,
24-29

Psalms 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

October 7

Ushers

Johnson Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Dave Mueller

10:30 am - Lynn Lawson

Altar Guild

Team 1: Shelby Niskanen
Sandra Fischer
Mary Weiland

Fellowship

8:00 am - Marv & Joleen
Meier

10:30 am - Ben & Mary
Kregel

Greeters

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie
Mueller

10:30 am - Fred & Pat Fuchs

Nursery

10:30 am - Brad & Jessica Tipple

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16



This logo and theme will appear on mailings and information for this year's fall stewardship response. Next month you will receive the first mailing with an invitation to consider how you wish to apply time and talent for the sake of ministry through Saint Andrew. The mailing will include a booklet with options to consider and a card to respond. These cards will be used to create lists that will be shared with specific ministries to increase and encourage greater participation. The second mailing later in the month will be a commitment card that will ask you for your financial support for the

2013 calendar year. Please give thought about the ways you wish to express gratitude for the gifts God has

YOUTH NEWS FROM MATT

Youth and Family Event

Christian rock bands, Kutless and Fireflight, are coming to Wausau on **Thursday October**

18th! The concert is at Mt. Olive Lutheran

Church in Weston at 6 pm.

You won't want to miss this! Tickets are \$15. A group of all ages from Saint Andrew who are interested in listening to great Christian rock music while sharing Christian fellowship is being assembled. If you are interested, please contact Matt Seegert, Coordinator of Christian Education, at matt@salc-wausau.org or 715-842-3333 by Monday October 1st.



Join conversations on **facebook**.

www.facebook.com/salc.wausau.youth
or scan QR Code here.



Senior High Youth

A mailing has been sent out to the senior high youth with registration forms and information for the **November 9th-11th Synod's Senior High Youth Gathering** in Manitowoc. The deadline to register is October 3. Please contact Matt Seegert at matt@salc-wausau.org or 715-842-3333 as soon as possible with any questions you may have or to register.

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CRAIG

I recently received an email with the following quote by an author whom I admire. *"Community is not a talent show in which we dazzle the world with our combined gifts. Community is the place where our poverty is acknowledged and accepted, not as something we have to learn to cope with as best we can but as a true source of new life."* — Henri Nouwen

That simple quote got me thinking...How many times do we focus on our weaknesses as deficiencies rather than seeing our weaknesses as part of who we are? Not as smart, not as strong, not as wealthy, not as privileged, not as (fill in the blank). We live in a culture that rewards and celebrates and honors people for their successes but criticizes and takes pity on those who just don't measure up.

How might we respond to one another differently if we accepted one another for who we are rather than for who we want others to be? How might that affect our sense of community? Imagine the strength we would experience if we recognize as Saint Paul describes, "power made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

We are pretty good at identifying strengths but what about accepting weaknesses, limitations, or deficiencies? I like the word that is hidden in **community**. It is easy to identify in print but what might it look like as a true source of new life?



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Learn more about assisting in Worship-see page 2 for workshop information.
- Help with SALC fall clean-up. Page 2 has dates and times.
- See page 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*
 Matt Seegert, *Coordinator of Christian Education*
 Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*
 Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
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 Jared Gjertson, *Sexton*

NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the October / I Network is:

Wednesday, October 3.

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At Saint Andrew—September 30-October 13

Sunday, September 30

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
 9:15 am Church School
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, October 1

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

Tuesday, October 2

9:00 am Reading Reflections
 10:30 am OWLS to Timm's Hill

Wednesday, October 3

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

Thursday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 6

2:30 pm Wozniak/Maahs Wedding

Sunday, October 7

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
 9:15 am Church School
 9:15 am Baptism Orientation
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 12:30 pm CROP Walk
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, October 8

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:30 pm Dartball @ Good Shepherd

Tuesday, October 9

9:00 am Reading Reflections
 10:00 am Quilting Group
 6:30 pm *Mtg:* Ministry Night

Wednesday, October 10

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

Thursday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 13

8:30 am SALC Fall Clean-Up

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:

Westin John Berens - July 1	Reece Dietrich Pagel - August 19
Kaylin Elaine Koeppel - July 5	Harper Grace Page - August 26
Olivia Grace Olson - July 8	Payton Evelyn Gabriel - August 26
Xander Matthew and	Jessica Morgan Coates - September 9
Donavin Kenneth Kracium - July 29	Hayden Ryan Baumann - September 13
Mason Charles Haroldson - July 29	Paige Avery Dell - September 16
Brooklyn Diane Olafson - August 5	Jamison Lee Walker - September 23
Colton James Pagel - August 19	

A WEDDING

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

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
 Cassie Prueher and Rick Secord - September 15
 Marie Nestigen and Brian Heise - September 22
 Deb Procknow and Chris Tuft - September 29
 Heidi Holtz and Aaron Guenther - September 29
 Amber Wozniak and Jacob Maahs - October 6
 Ashley Brown and Chad Henry - December 7

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY...

Avis Jane Tessmer - August 27

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...

Babs	Irma Breese	Kaylin	Sabrina & Shane
Ben Kregel	James, Elsie & Henry	Laura	Shannon
Bill	Jennejohn	Leann	Sue
Brad Cory	Jean Bassett	Maddie	Suzi Kittson
Bruce	Jennifer Bradley	Marty	Thomas Roberts
Callie and Zak Teeters	Jim & Marilyn Whitney	Mary	Tom
Carrie Zimmer	Jim Merkel	Noah	Tracy
Danny Stoltz	John	Nora Turner	Tracy Stelzer
Don Headke	Jonel	Pat	Verna
Ella, Erik and Becky	Joyce	Renee Thomsen	Harvey Lauermann
Gary Somers	Judy	Robin Mielke	Irma Koenig
George Schoeder	Karen Whereatt	Rodney Rowland	Laura Glassford
Irene Soroko	Kay Seckler	Ron Horst	Roland Zerneke

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)