

Network



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We join the voices of many as we pray and sing this advent,
O Come, O Come Emmanuel!
As we light candles in expectation of the coming messiah,
we pray, *O Come Emmanuel.*
As we gather in the regular rhythm of worship to contemplate a Lord who is near in word, in water, at the table in ordinary bread and wine,
we pray, *O Come Emmanuel.*
While our calendars begin to fill with celebrations and holiday parties, amidst the rush of shoppers and Santas and signs of the season,
we pray, *O Come Emmanuel.*
When we are gathered with families, to nurture and care for us,
we pray, *O Come Emmanuel.*
When we are on our own and find ourselves in patches of loneliness,
we pray, *O Come Emmanuel.*
In the halls of our schools, in the moments of quiet at our desks, when we're out to eat or running errands, in the check-out line,
we pray, *O Come Emmanuel.*
As we prepare room in our hearts for a God who comes to us as a child,
we pray, *O Come Emmanuel.*
O Come, Lord.
Come into every part of our lives and save us.
Come, *O Lord* – and teach us your way.
O come, Lord and free us from the depths of evil and from the grave.
Refresh our broken hearts, *O Lord.*
We long for you to restore us and make us new once again.
O come, Lord and light up the places that are dark in our lives.
Free us. Save us.
Come to us once again, we pray.

— *Pastor Jenn*

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 10:30 am

Sunday, November 25 - "Christ the King"

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Thursday, November 29 / Sunday, December 2

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

ACTIVITIES

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, December 2, 9:15 am
Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The 2013 first quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are now available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy.

OWLS Christmas Potluck

Tuesday, December 4, 11:30 am
Pastor Jenn will be our honored guest when we get better acquainted during the "meet and greet" and while we all sing beloved Christmas songs. Rumor has it that we may also be "decking the hall with boughs of holly" or something. Bring your festive holiday spirit for delicious food, fellowship and beautiful music. Please RSVP to joy@salc-wausau.org or 715-842-3333.

Christmas Hams

Can you help those families less fortunate? The following items are now being accepted for holiday food baskets: hams, vegetables, pie crusts and monetary donations. Baskets will be assembled on Saturday, December 15. If you know someone who needs a basket please call the church office by December 12 at 715-842-3333.

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event and help beautify the altar with flowers. Sign up on the 2013 Flower Chart posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO MAKE A VILLAGE!



Sunday, December 9, 11:45 am; Fellowship Hall

Get into the holiday spirit by helping to decorate a gingerbread village that will be donated to a local nursing home. The gingerbread walls, frosting and CANDY BUFFET will be provided as well as a lunch, refreshments and music. Please call the church office at 715.842.3333 to sign up by December 5.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Sunday, December 9, 11:45 am
Fellowship Hall



Ever wanted to participate in a fun holiday cookie exchange? Now's your chance! Make 5 dozen of the same type of homemade cookies or bars. Bring them to church on a platter. Enjoy exchanging and building an assortment of goodies! *Reminder—bring a container to store your assortment.* Please call the church office at 715.842.3333 to sign up by December 5.

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

November 25

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Marv Meier

10:30 am - Shirley Bickford

Altar Guild

Team 3: Sheila McCarthy
Carmen Siegel
Darlene Caillouette

Fellowship

8:00 am - Barb Breese

Susan Tobin

10:30 am - Greg & Jeanne
Willems

Greeters

8:00 am - Dan & Lynne Holt

10:30 am - Jerry & Marlene
Kort

Nursery

10:30 am - Unstaffed

Lectionary Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

December 2

Ushers

B Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Jonnie Malm

10:30 am - James Jordan

Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage
Patty marceille
Julie Weller

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jason & Linda

Rickstad

10:30 am - Russell & Alice
Van Skike

Greeters

8:00 am - Eugene & Nancy
Moyer

10:30 am - Linda Vogen &
Rosetta Ahles

Nursery

10:30 am - Unstaffed

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

WANTED: YOUR PHOTO FOR THE 2013 SALC PHOTO DIRECTORY

With the assistance of Life Touch Studios, a NEW Saint Andrew photo directory will be published for 2013. Mark your calendars to schedule your photo session Tuesday-Fridays from 2:00-9:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:30-4:00 the weeks of January 22nd, 29th and February 5th 2013. Appointment scheduling will be online with more information to follow. If you plan to be gone during this time frame, please call to learn how a photo can still be included.

This project is supported by volunteer efforts in various ways. Time commitments are short and can be scheduled at your convenience. If you would be willing to be a part of the planning group, assist with appointment registration, help with the directory layout or learn more about this exciting project, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or shelby@salc-wausau.org.

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD - Thursday, December 13, 1-6 pm

Saint Andrew will be the sight of a blood drive in support of the American Red Cross. Donors can give blood every 56 days. The time for donations will be from 1-6 pm. Not interested in donating? Perhaps you are willing to volunteer time to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Mark your calendar now and call the church office to express your willingness to help.



CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

***No Church School Classes** - Sundays, November 25, December 23 & 30; Thursdays, December 20 & 27.

***Senior High Youth** - Sunday, November 25, 6:30 p.m.

This month's regular monthly meeting will be at Culvers-Cedar Creek. Mark your calendar for next month's meeting, Sunday, December 30.

***Church School Christmas Program** - Sunday, December 16, 9:30 am

All are invited to hear the children share in telling and singing the Christmas story in: *"The Christmas ABC Story"*.

***Family Tubing Event** - January 13, 2012

Wausau area Lutheran Church Family winter tubing event at Sylvan Hills.

***Grades 3-5 Retreat-ALL NEW** - January 18 & 19

A retreat only for Saint Andrew youth at Waypost Camp, Hatley. Cost is \$25/person. Registration forms are due January 6, 2013.

***Youth Broomball** - January, 2013

Broomball for Junior and Senior High Youth

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

As the church calendar year comes to a close with the celebration of Christ the King, it is time to turn to the season of Advent and our preparations for celebrating again, the gift of Jesus, the child in a manger and world's savior. The commercial world has begun the push for early sales weeks ago and the church catches up a bit as we move into a new church year and the four weeks of Advent. While it is tempting to begin our celebrations early the church slows the plans a bit by lingering through the Advent season and how the earth yet longs for the coming of God's kingdom anew among us. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

On December 9, Bishop Jim Justman will be the guest preacher and will spend the morning at Saint Andrew. Please help make him feel welcomed as a guest among us.

— *Pastor Craig*

SNOW POLICY

If school is cancelled, Saint Andrew classes & meetings will



be also. Listen to local radio stations, check the SALC website or Facebook page, News Channels 7 & 9 websites for the list of school closings.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Christmas Hams - more information on page 2.
- Give the gift of blood at the SALC Blood Drive - see page 3 for details.
- Volunteer your time to assist in creating the 2013 SALC Photo Directory - find the details on page 3.
- 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*
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 Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*
 Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
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NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the December 6 Network is:
Wednesday, November 28.

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At Saint Andrew—November 25-December 8

Sunday, November 25

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
No church School
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, November 26

6:30 pm *Mtg:* Church Council
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball @ St. Michael's

Tuesday, November 27

9:00 am Reading Reflections

Wednesday, November 28

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

Thursday, November 29

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

Sunday, December 2

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

Monday, December 3

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball vs St. Stephen's

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 am Reading Reflections

Wednesday, December 5

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

Thursday, December 6

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

A BAPTISM PRAYER

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:

Jessica Morgan Coates - September 9
 Hayden Ryan Baumann - September 13
 Paige Avery Dell - September 16
 Jamison Lee Walker - September 23
 Jaxon Jay Baars - October 28
 Aubrey Kristi Wood - October 28
 Isabel Luise Knighton - November 4
 Kyleigh Mae Wert - November 4
 Kason Christopher Bargender - November 4
 Jordan David Henrichs - December 9
 Jack Martin Skadahl - December 16
 Envo Rei Murillo - December 16

A WEDDING

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

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY, ESPECIALLY FOR:

William Woller - November 16

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...**

Aimee	Ella, Erik and Becky	Kaylin	Shannon
Ali	Fallon	Larry	Sue
Babs	Gary	Laura	Suzi
Ben	George	Maddie	Thomas
Brad	Irene	Mary	Tom
Brianna	Irma	Michael	Tracy
Bruce	James, Elsie & Henry	Nora	Verna
Callie and Zak	Jamie	Pat	Harvey
Carrie	Jean	Paul	Irma
Charlie	Jill	Renee	Laura
Debra	Jim & Marilyn	Robin	Roland
Dixie	John	Rodney	
Dominic	Judy	Sabrina & Shane	

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)