

# Network



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## "SEE, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW."

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5-6*

I googled the phrase, "Popular New Year's Resolutions." According to [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov), the following were the ones that made the cut: Drink less alcohol. Eat healthy food. Get a better education. Get a better job. Get fit. Lose weight. Manage debt. Manage stress. Quit smoking. Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Save money. Take a trip. Volunteer to help others. Sound familiar?

We're often seeking to better ourselves in some way – to manage our weaknesses and build up our strengths. That practice of refining ourselves is a good and healthy thing and the New Year often provides a "reset button" that we long for. The tricky thing about resolutions is that so often we fail to really keep the promises we make to ourselves. I am thankful for the "reset button" that God gives us every day. In Christ, each day – all things are made new. God's promises hold, whether or not we stick to ours. May God bless and keep you this New Year!

— *Pastor Jenn*

## NEW NETWORK FORMAT

As we anticipate a new year, know that there is also a new format of the Network on the horizon. Beginning with the **January 24, 2013** issue, the Network will be a monthly publication. This will help make office work more efficient and reduce some of the redundancy of a bi-weekly mailing. There is a risk, of course, when regular mailings are reduced (out of sight, out of mind) but hopefully the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew is deeply engrained into the hearts and lives of its members that regular support and participation is not dependent upon regular communication but rather flows forth from enthusiasm to share a vision for Christ's church through and beyond Saint Andrew. There will still be an option to "opt out" of receiving the paper version as well as the ability to access current and previous issues through the Saint Andrew website.

Also, please note that the Network will take a week off due to the holidays. The next Network you will receive will be **Thursday, January 10, 2013**.

## Christmas Worship Schedule

### Christmas Eve, December 24

- 4 pm **"Visit the Manger"**  
6 & 8 pm **Candlelight worship with Chancel and Handbell Choirs**  
10 pm **Candlelight Worship with Special Music**

### Christmas Day, December 25

- 10 am **Christmas Day Worship**



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

### Special Thank You

Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Food Basket requests were at a record level this year. Social Ministry was able to fill all the requests with the help of many volunteers and generous donations from the congregation. The food pantry received a generous monetary gift from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Care Abounds in Communities to help the ministry fill these requests and restock the pantry. Thank you everyone for your support!!

### Willing Cooks Needed!

Lent Soup and Sandwich will be here before we know it! If you're interested in assisting with soup preparation, one soup or more one Wednesday or more - equipment, ingredients and guidance provided - please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

### Baptism Orientation

*Sunday, January 6, 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.

### Ministry Night

*Tuesday, January 8, 2013*  
All are welcome to participate in the ministry of their choice on Ministry Night. Come and see how your time and talent can help serve in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

### Altar Flowers

The Flower Chart is filling up! 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.

### "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.

## 2013 SALC PHOTO DIRECTORY ONLINE SIGN-UP

With the assistance of Life Touch Studios, a NEW Saint Andrew photo directory will be published for 2013. *Online sign-up is now available* to conveniently schedule your photo session Tuesdays-Fridays from 2-9 pm and Saturdays from 9:30 am-4 pm the weeks of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There is a link on the home page of the Saint Andrew website [salc-wausau.org](http://salc-wausau.org). If you plan to be gone during this time frame, please call to learn how a photo can still be included. There is no sitting fee—in thanks for your participation you will receive a free 8x10 portrait and complimentary photo directory with discounts available for purchases.

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 assist with appointment registration or help with the directory layout please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or [shelby@salc-wausau.org](mailto:shelby@salc-wausau.org).

## 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, or News Channels 7 & 9 websites for the list of school closings.



## ASSISTING with WORSHIP

### December 23

#### Ushers

Johnson Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Jim Branning

10:30 am - Pete Porter

#### Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth  
Joleen Meier  
Ann McDonald

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Connie & Sheldon Geiger

10:30 am - Sandra Fischer & Ann McDonald

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Chuck & Kelly Kubisiak

10:30 am - Terri Deininger & Pam Fromm

#### Nursery

10:30 am - Unstaffed

#### Lectionary Readings

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-55

### December 30

#### Ushers

Johnson Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Dave Mueller

10:30 am - Marilyn Olson

#### Altar Guild

Team 1: Shelby Niskanen  
Sandra Fischer  
Mary Weiland

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Gary Hibbard & Judy Rusch

10:30 am - Terry & June Grabau

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Roger Otto & Margy Kersten

10:30 am - Bernie & LeAnn Stankowski

#### Nursery

10:30 am - Unstaffed

#### Lectionary Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

## CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2013

### Church School

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

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

Wausau Area Lutheran Winter Tubing Event at Sylvan Hill is brought to you by the Wisconsin River Valley Conference Family and Youth Ministry Team. This event is open to all youth and families-youth under grade 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: children/youth under age 14-\$5.75; youth age 14 & over-\$8. Register online at [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org).

**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*.

**Grade 6 Baptism Retreat** - *January 26, 9am – noon*

As preparation for confirmation, 6th graders are invited to come to church to learn more about baptism.

**First Communion - 5th Grade**

Classes: *Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17, 2013, 4 pm*

First Communion Worship: *Palm Sunday, March 24 at 2 pm*

### Youth

**Senior High Youth Monthly Meeting**

*Note: there will be no December meeting.* The monthly meetings at Culver's in Cedar Creek will resume on *Sunday, January 27 at 6:30 pm.*

**Youth Broomball** - *January 6 & 20, 2013, 1 pm*

Junior and senior high youth will join other area churches to play broomball at Riverview Elementary School. Those interested in playing should meet at Riverview-teams will be formed that day.

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**Boundary Waters Trip** - *July 7-13, 2013*

For students in 8-12 grades. A sign-up list is posted outside the church office. An informational meeting will be held on *Sunday, January 13, 11:45 am*. All are welcome to attend to learn about the details of this exciting adventure!

### Confirmation

**7th & 8th Grade Confirmation**

Classes will resume on *Wednesday, January 9, 2013 (Not January 2 as previously stated)*

**8th Grade confirmation**

Faith statement classes: *February 20, 27, March 6, 13 and 20, at 7 pm*

8th Grade Confirmation Worship: *April 28, 2 pm*

**9th Grade Confirmation**

Faith statement classes: *April 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 6:30 pm*

9th Grade Confirmation Worship: *Sunday, May 5, 2 pm*

## Open to All



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### 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 *January 10, 2013* Network  
is: **Wednesday, January 2.**

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Dated material -  
Please deliver  
by Saturday

## At Saint Andrew—December 23-January 12

### Sunday, December 23

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
*No Church School*  
10:30 am **WORSHIP**  
11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir  
11:45 am *Reh:* No Nonsense Band

### Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm **"VISIT THE MANGER"**  
6 & 8 pm **CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP WITH  
CHANCEL AND HANDBELL  
CHOIRS**  
10:00 pm **CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP WITH  
SPECIAL MUSIC**

### Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

*Church Office Closed*  
10:00 am **WORSHIP**

### Wednesday, December 26

*No Confirmation Classes*

### Thursday, December 27

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**  
*No Church School*  
6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

### Sunday, December 30

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
*No Church School*  
10:30 am **WORSHIP**

### Monday, December 31

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

### Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day

*Church Office Closed*

### Wednesday, January 2

6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir  
8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

### Thursday, January 3

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

### Sunday, January 6

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  
1:00 pm Sr. High Broomball  
6:30 pm Bible Study

### Monday, January 7

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen  
7:00 pm Dartball at Wesley

### Tuesday, January 8

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

### Wednesday, January 9

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

### Thursday, January 10

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:*

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  
 Orion Onyx Malueg - December 30

**A WEDDING**

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

Amber Wozniak and Jacob Maahs - October 6

**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...**

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

*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)*