

Network



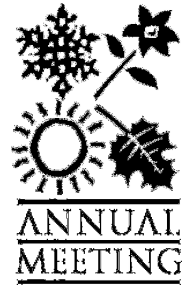
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CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 27, 9 am in the Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual Meeting and learn about the exciting plans for SALC in 2013. **Everyone is requested to attend** with participating (regular contributing and communing) members having voting privileges. Council nominee biographies and the 2013 Proposed Budget will be available in the Narthex for review beginning *this Sunday, January 13*.



CURLING AND CONFIRMATION *by Matt Seegert*

Confirmation started this week after a Christmas break and I am very excited to be leading the large group section for this session. We have five weeks to cover the entire New Testament and I won't pretend I wasn't worried about fitting everything in such a short period of time. It got me thinking about what the message really boils down to. What is the essence of the New Testament and our faith journey together?

It might seem a funny place to look for an answer to that question but, as a curler in my third season, I looked to the ice for inspiration. The more I thought about it, the more things I think the winter sport of curling shares in common with our faith and the church.

On a curling rink (team) there are four players. Each player slides two 42-pound stones down the ice with the goal of getting more of their team's stones closer to the center of the target than the stones of the other team. While teammates share this common goal, each player has a different and equally important job to do. Some positions might seem more important than another's but the team's task would be impossible to achieve if every team member didn't fully participate individually. To achieve their goal, communication is key. Each team member needs to know what is going on so they can help get the shots close to the center of the target. Do you see any parallels yet?

While achieving the goal and winning is important, I found that in curling the relationships are more important still. The game is competitive but curling puts more focus on sportsmanship than I have ever seen or experienced in other sports. It is customary to shake hands with **ALL** before the game starts and to wish everyone "Good Curling." During the game it is expected that players call their own faults and congratulate others on well-made shots regardless of which team made the shot. After the game is finished it is tradition to once again shake hands and for both teams to sit together at a table and socialize. That is the spirit of the game and what makes it so unique.

So to answer my own question, I think it's about relationships. It's about our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. That has been and will continue to be the overarching theme for our time together during confirmation. God made a choice to dwell among us and gives us everything to draw us near. God loves us so much that Jesus came to experience life as we do and to teach us how to live in relationship with each other. Then Jesus sacrificed himself and died in our stead and in doing so removed the power of sin and death which is the barrier between us. We are called to live more fully in relationship with God and with each other and we're called to do it together. "Good Curling"!

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

Super Bowl Snacks

Sunday, February 3

Donations of any kind of snack for the **Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale** can be dropped off at church on *Friday, February 1* before 4 pm or on Super Bowl Sunday before the services. Please pre-package items for individual sale, price, and label if there are nuts, peanut butter or if lactose or gluten-free for allergy concerns. Your support of the Food Pantry through snack donations and purchases is appreciated!

Adult Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Bible Study will be back in session on *Sunday, February 3*. Learn about the differences between Christianity and other religions as Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn resume the study on the book, Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith. All are welcome to join the conversation, learning, and fellowship.



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.

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.

NEW NETWORK FORMAT

The Network continues to be an incredible tool for ministry. Like a fishing net, it keeps the congregation connected with opportunities to plug into the life and ministry of Saint Andrew by collecting, connecting, and distributing information. The next issue, distributed on January 24, will be the **first monthly issue** and will include additional content. We hope the new format will be helpful for you as you consider ways to stay connected to the mission of Saint Andrew.

2013 SALC PHOTO DIRECTORY

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, 2-9 pm, and Saturdays, 9:30 am-4 pm, the weeks of January 22, 29 and February 5. There is a link on the home page of the Saint Andrew website

salc-wausau.org. If you plan to be gone during this time, 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. If you would be willing to assist with photo session, sign-in/hospitality please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or shelby@salc-wausau.org.

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

January 13

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Gary Hibbard

10:30 am - Marilyn Olson

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke
Sue McFaul
Jodi Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Steve & Kay Sitko

10:30 am - George & Bonnie Alafouz

Greeters

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie Mueller

10:30 am - George & Bonnie Alafouz

Nursery

10:30 am - Ken & Jess Bloom

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

Ushers

B Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Sean McCarthy

10:30 am - Judith Marshall

Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom
Mary Wittich
Pam Levra

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim & Kristin Woller

10:30 am - Annette Green & Lenette Hoover

Greeters

8:00 am - Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson

10:30 am - Fred & Pat Fuchs

Nursery

10:30 am - Brad & Jessica Tipple

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH 2013 EVENTS

All Youth and Families

Family Tubing Event

This Sunday, January 13, 6-9 pm

Open to all youth and families.

Register online at www.salc-wausau.org

Cost: Children/youth under age 14-\$5.75

Youth age 14 & over-\$8

Youth

Senior High Youth Monthly Meeting

Sunday, January 27 at 6:30 pm

Meet at Culvers at Cedar Creek.

Youth Broomball

January 20, 1 pm

Junior and Senior high youth.

At Riverview Elementary School.

Boundary Waters Trip

July 7-13

For youth in 8-12 grades.

Informational meeting:

This Sunday, January 13, 11:45 am.

All are welcome to attend to learn more!

Church School

Grades 3-5 Retreat-ALL NEW

Saturday and Sunday, January 18 & 19

Grade 6 Baptism Retreat

Saturday, January 26, 9am – noon

First Communion - 5th Grade

Classes:

Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17, 4 pm

First Communion Worship:

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2 pm

Confirmation

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

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, February 10 & 17, 9:15 am

Orientation takes place on both Sundays, February 10 & 17 in the chapel. New members will be received at the 10:30 am worship service on February 17. 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, *CONT.*

January 27

Ushers

Brekke Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Michael Spalding

10:30 am - Beverly Powell

Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom

Mary Wittich

Pam Levra

Fellowship

8:00 am - Larry & Annette

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10:30 am - Mary Wittich &

Susan Paisar

Greeters

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie

Mueller

10:30 am - Wayne & Laura

Johnson

Nursery

10:30 am - Unstaffed

Lectionary Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

EPIPHANY?

It's the season of Epiphany. Unlike Advent, Christmas, or Lent – the season of Epiphany is one that might make you pause and say, "Huh? What is that about? Epiphany means, "Manifestation." This is a season where we encounter stories in scripture that reveal something about who God is. The wisemen follow the star. Jesus is baptized. Jesus turns water into wine at the wedding in Cana. All of these were signs that God was manifest in Jesus Christ. In other words, God is here! God makes Godself known! God has been revealed to us, too! In what ways has God been made known in your own life?

— *Pastor Jenn*

Open to All



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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 *February 2013* Network is:
Wednesday, January 16.

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Dated material -
Please deliver
by Saturday

At Saint Andrew—January 13-February 2

Sunday, January 13

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:15 am Church School
10:30 am **WORSHIP**
11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
6:00 pm Family Tubing at Sylvan Hills

Monday, January 14

6:30 pm *Mtg:* Church Council
7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
No Dartball-bye week

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

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

Friday, January 18

3-5 Grade Retreat at Waypost Camp
5:00 pm Lay School of Ministry

Saturday, January 19

3-5 Grade Retreat at Waypost Camp
8:00 am Lay School of Ministry

Sunday, January 20

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:15 am Church School
10:30 am **WORSHIP**
11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
1:00 pm Sr. High Broomball

Monday, January 21

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

Tuesday, January 22

Photo Directory Sessions
9:00 am Reading Reflections

Wednesday, January 23

2-9 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*
6:15 pm Confirmation Classes
6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir
8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

Thursday, January 24

2-9 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*
12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
5:30 pm Church School
6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Friday, January 25

2-9 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*

Saturday, January 26

9:30 am-4 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*
9:00 am 6th Grade Baptism
Retreat at SALC

Sunday, January 27

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:00 am Congregation Annual Meeting
9:15 am Church School
10:30 am **WORSHIP**
11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
6:30 pm *Mtg:* Sr. High Youth at Culvers

Monday, January 28

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
7:00 pm Dartball at St. Michael

Tuesday, January 29

2-9 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*
9:00 am Reading Reflections

Wednesday, January 30

2-9 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*
6:15 pm Confirmation Classes
6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir
8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

Thursday, January 31

2-9 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*
12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
5:30 pm Church School
6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Friday, February 1

2-9 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*

Saturday, February 2

9:30 am-4 pm *Photo Directory Sessions*