

Network



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GOING THROUGH...

On my last night in the mountains of Colorado, some friends and I sat on the porch of an old cabin. As we sat there in the dark we took in the moon and the stars and listened to the distant sounds of the river. It was dark and late and I was tired.

When I got up to go into the cabin I carefully looked down to make sure that I wouldn't trip over anything or miss a step. The only problem with looking down was that I completely missed the door and smacked right into the wall (which bruised both my forehead and my ego!). My friend said to me in a comical tone, "You know Jenn; you should go through the door!"

We walk through physical doors every day. Doors are transitional spaces that take us from one room to another. When it comes to Holy Week, we can't go around it, or over it, or under it – together, in order to get to a deeper meaning of Easter, we must go through.

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday serve as the doorway to the celebration of Easter. The story of Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem, the remembrance of the last supper in the upper room, the arrest and trial of Jesus, his journey to the cross and his death are all crucial to our understanding of what took place on that first Easter morning.

Jesus' life was about standing with us in the face of suffering and death. Jesus' suffering and death was the doorway to life abundant and everlasting. In the cross and in the resurrection – there we see God's amazing love for us and for the world.

In order to get to Sunday, we go through Friday. In order to get to the resurrection, we go through the cross. As we enter into these final days of Lent and into Holy Week, I encourage you to be a part of the entire journey by coming and joining us for Lenten worship and Holy Week services. May your journey be one that will deepen your understanding of God's amazing love for us in Christ Jesus.

- 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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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24
8:00 & 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28
12:15 & 6:15 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29
12:15 & 6:15 pm

EASTER BLESSINGS!

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, March 31

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

On Top of Rib Mountain — 6:00 am

EASTER SERVICES AT SAINT ANDREW

8:00 — 9:30 — 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast

7:00 to 9:30 am at Saint Andrew
Eggs, ham, toast, hash browns,
strawberry dessert and beverages.
\$5/Adults; \$3/Children

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Each Wednesday in Lent, 12:15 & 6:15 pm
FEBRUARY 27

Why is my life so difficult?

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18

MARCH 6

Why doesn't God solve all my problems?

NUMBERS 11:4-23

MARCH 13

What is the purpose of my life?

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

MARCH 20

Where are you God?

PSALM 22



Soup and Sandwich

Served *after* the 12:15 pm service and *before* and *after* the 6:15 pm service. Suggested donation:

\$4/person; \$2/ages 6- 10; Free/under age 5

February 27

Taco

Cheesy Potato

Chicken Noodle

March 6

Mexican Chicken

Northwoods Cheese

Beef Barley Mushroom

March 13

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Cream of Vegetable

Unstuffed Green Pepper

March 20

Chicken Dumpling

Split Pea

Cheeseburger

Easter Flowers

Easter Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths can now be ordered for the Altar for Easter Worship services for \$16 each. Order forms and a box to place them with payment are available in the Narthex. Order deadline is *Monday, March 11.*



Easter Food Baskets

Saturday, March 23, 10 am

If you would like to volunteer to help assemble Easter food baskets or if you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The 2013 second quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are now available in the Narthex. These resources are available for all who are interested.

Quilt Kits and School Bag Kits

If you can sew a straight line, you can help make quilts and school bags for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Kits are available in the kiosk in the Narthex. Pick one up, take it home, make the quilt or school bag, bring it back to church and place it back in the kiosk.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

FAITH: Forming, Sharing, Living is the next 3-year assembly theme with the emphasis of "Forming" for the upcoming assembly.

2013 also marks the 25th Anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America-ELCA-of which all of our congregations and the Synod are a part of and this celebration will be lifted up in different ways during the assembly. The assembly will be held on May 17 and 18 in Green Bay. Contact the church office for more information.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

By directing designated Choice Dollars (\$M) through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations, and congregations. In January, 16 Thrivent members directed their Choice Dollars toward the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew for a total of \$939. According to Thrivent, there are 423 members of Saint Andrew who hold a Thrivent investment or policy. Imagine what the benefits to Saint Andrew could be if more members did the same! Thank you for considering directing your Choice Dollars to benefit the ministry of Saint Andrew.

Lectionary Readings for March

March 3

Isaiah 55:1-9/Joshua 5:9-12
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 10

Joshua 5:9-12
 Psalm 32/Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14

March 17

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

March 24

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 22:14-23:56

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SALC Photo Directory

There is still time to submit a photo for the new SALC directory to be published this spring. Email is preferred, if possible, sending to shelby@salc-wausau.org or you can send or drop off a printed copy to the office to be scanned. Deadline is March 15th.

Lost and Found

Have you been looking for that missing glove, scarf, jacket or cup? Maybe it's here at Saint Andrew! Lost and Found items will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall during Lent. Items not claimed will be donated to the Treasure Sale in May.

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, March 3, 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.

OWLS Group

Tuesday, March 5, 11:30 am
Don't just twiddle your fingers this cold winter. Instead create paper sculpture or do some origami paper folding. Want some ideas? Join the OWLS at for the exhibit at the Woodson Art Museum and then a 1 pm lunch at BB Jack's.

2013 CHURCH COUNCIL

The following individuals will be serving as members of the church council and liaisons to the following Ministries for 2013. Please pray for their efforts as they work together to fulfill the mission and ministry at Saint Andrew.

Christian Education	Bill Best
Communications	Mike Williams
Development	Sean McCarthy
Fellowship	Lenette Hoover
Finance/Stewardship	Brandon Murphy
Member Outreach	Annette Green
Memorial Gift	Eric Jacobson
Personnel	Pan Kyhos
Property	Randy Trollop
Social Ministry	Mary Wittich
Worship	Dan Malm
Youth	Ed Wodalski

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

This past Sunday, new members were received into the Saint Andrew family: Nathan, Julie & Shaun Brown; Patricia and Matt Demeuse; Sean, Jenifer, Charlie & Hunter Guckenberger; Alicia Hauge; Dennis and Patricia Hall; Anna, Jason, Abraham & Ivan Kania; Kaye Schirle; Jon Stolp & Sumitra Bechel; Pat Stone & Cindy Boyer; Dan Teske & Gina Carr; Lynn, Angie, Logan and Alexis White. Welcome to Saint Andrew!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Lenten Season is a very active time for the Social Ministry group as they plan, shop and cook for the Wednesday Lenten Soup & Sandwich meals. The ministry helps develop and strengthen a supportive congregational climate, consulting with the Pastors and working with the other ministries and community organizations. With proceeds from Soup & Sandwich, the ministry packs and distributes food baskets for the holidays and on an as needed basis along with cooking and serving the Community Dinner at First Presbyterian Church every other month. Social Ministry also coordinates sewing quilts and school bags in support of the ELCA's Lutheran World Relief projects. New members to the ministry are always welcome to attend the ministry meeting on the second Tuesday night of each month. Feel free to start now and join in the fun of helping any Wednesday with the Soup & Sandwich meals.

"GOOD NEWS..."

On Saturday, March 9 our East Central Synod is sponsoring a workshop with Mark Allan Powell as the Keynote speaker. The workshop is designed to help us realize that "Stewardship is not just a way of life; it is the way to a better life." Please mark your calendar and contact the church office at 715-842-3333 for more information on "Good News for the Journey". Carpooling with others attending is available.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SALC



First Communion Instruction - 5th Grade (or older) Students and Parents

For three weeks in March, students and families will have interactive conversation about Holy Communion. While these classes are especially for students preparing for first communion in 5th grade, older students who have yet to receive Holy Communion are also welcome to attend. Please contact the office for more information if interested.

Classes: *Sundays, March 3, 10 and 17, 4 pm*

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

9th Grade Confirmation Resumes

Beginning in April, 9th grade students will meet with Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn to work on writing faith statements for Confirmation. Faith statement writing will take place on *Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 6:30 pm*. 9th Grade families will be receiving a mailing shortly with more detailed information.

Church School Food Drive Challenge

The first grocery cart is full! We are well on our way to making it to five grocery carts of non-perishable food for the SALC food pantry. Keep the food coming and look for the grocery cart in the back of the sanctuary at the beginning of Sunday Church School.

Confirmation Camp—June 16 - 21 at Waypost Camp

Saint Andrew has a group registration reserved for confirmation camp this summer. Students currently in 7th and 8th grade confirmation are encouraged to attend. A \$95 deposit and registration are due by March 14.

2013 Vacation Bible School

This summer's theme has been chosen! "Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth". We need volunteers to help with VBS including three very important roles as registration assistant, volunteer assistant, and the decorations assistant.

An invitation to all Youth and Families

All are invited to go snow shoeing to help train with those preparing for the Boundary Waters Trip this summer. We will embark on a snow shoeing adventure at Nine-Mile on March 3 or 10. The cost is \$10 (\$5 for equipment and \$5 to use the 9 mile trail). Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect.

Easter Breakfast

Don't forget to come to Easter Breakfast at Saint Andrew after the Sunrise Easter Service on Rib Mountain. Youth and family volunteers are needed to cook, serve, and clean up this meal to make it possible. Please sign up to help on the bulletin board.

Only Six Spots Open to Youth for This Summer's Boundary Waters Trip!!!!

Please pray for those going on this summer's boundary waters trip and prayerfully consider joining them in this amazing adventure. The theme of the trip is: "Peace, what is it?"

THANK YOU...

...to all who attended the Shrove Tuesday Meal and in doing so, supported this summer's Boundary Waters trip. A special thank you to the Saint Andrew Dart Ball team for preparing the delicious meal and to the youth and families who participated with serving and clean-up and made it possible.

...and to all who participated in the Super Bowl Snack Sale making it a big success raising funds for the SALC Food Pantry.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP - MARCH

<u>Sundays</u>	<u>March 3</u>	<u>March 10</u>	<u>March 17</u>	<u>March 24</u>	<u>March 31, Easter Sunday</u>
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Team 2: Donna Peth, Joleen Meier & Ann McDonald	Team 1: Shelby Niskanen, Sandra Fischer & Mary Weiland	Team 1: Shelby Niskanen, Sandra Fischer & Mary Weiland	Team 4: Joyce Schoepke, Sue McFaul & Jodi Gargulak	Team 4: Joyce Schoepke, Sue McFaul & Jodi Gargulak
<u>Usher Team</u>	Brekke	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	6:00 am Weidman 8:00 am Johnson 9:30 am Shepherd 11:00 am A
<u>Acolytes</u>	8:00 am 10:30 am Isaac Radloff		Makayla Best		
<u>Layreaders</u>	8:00 am 10:30 am Jim Branning Pete Porter	Joleen Meier Linda Vogen	Julie Spalding Jayne Germinaro	Dave Mueller Lynn Lawson	
<u>Greeters</u>	8:00 am 10:30 am Duane & Sharlene Kreft Teri Deininger & Mary Wittich	Joleen & Marv Meier Rosetta Ahles & Linda Vogen	John Brauer & Lenette Hoover Jerry & Marlene Kort	Larry & Annette Bindl Dave & Susan Paisar	8:00 am Dan & Lynne Holt 9:30 am Fred & Pat Fuchs 11:00 am Billie Schmidt & Pam Clark
<u>Nursery</u>	10:30 am Curt & Coreen Richardt	Brad & Jessica Tipple		Ken & Jess Bloom	
<u>Fellowship</u>	8:00 am 10:30 am Marv & Joleen Meier Jerry & Marlene Kort	Sid & Leslie Sorenson Mike & Carrie Clemment	Ray & Terri Skare Russ & Alice Van Skike	Eric & Jamie Hane Greg & Jeanne Willems	

Lenten Wednesday, March 6 Wednesday, March 13 Wednesday, March 20

<u>Altar Guild</u>	Team 2: Donna Peth, Joleen Meier & Ann McDonald	Team 1: Shelby Niskanen, Sandra Fischer & Mary Weiland	Team 1: Shelby Niskanen, Sandra Fischer & Mary Weiland
<u>Usher Team</u>	B	B	B

Holy Week March 24, 2 pm March 28 March 29
First Communion Maundy Thursday Good Friday

<u>Altar Guild</u>	Team 4: Joyce Schoepke, Sue McFaul & Jodi Gargulak	Team 4: Joyce Schoepke, Sue McFaul & Jodi Gargulak	Team 4: Joyce Schoepke, Sue McFaul & Jodi Gargulak
<u>Usher Team</u>	B	A	Brekke

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:

Jordan David Henrichs - December 9
 Jack Martin Skadahl - December 16
 Envo Rei Murillo - December 16
 Orion Onyx Malueg - December 30
 Charles Bryce heckert - January 20
 Shaun Allen Brown - January 27
 Ella Grace Keele - April 7

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Cindy Wachsmuth and Edward Kijak - December 29

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...

Ali	Elsie	Susan	Sue
Babs	Jean	Tom	Clayton
Ben	Jennifer	Tracy	Bruce
Brad	Jim and Marilyn	Tracy Stelzer	Pat
Brianna	John	Yvonne	Larry
Callie and Zak	June	Harvey	Dixie
Carrie	Kaylin	Irma	Keegan
Fran	Laura	Laura	Erv
Gary	Mary	Roland	Maggie
Gerry	Maxine	Tom	Judy
George	Nora	Ella, Erik & Becky	Carol
Irene	Renee	Lizzy	Kimberly
Irma Breese	Robin	Marty	Tammie
Jackie	Rodney	Maddie	
James, Henry and	Sabrina & Shane	Verna	

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)



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Upcoming Events/Activities

Sunday, March 24

8:00 & 10:30 am

2:00 pm

Palm Sunday Worship

First Communion Worship

Thursday, March 28

12:15 & 6:15 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 29

12:15 & 6:15 pm

Good Friday Worship

Sunday, March 31

6:00 am

Easter Worship on top of

Rib Mountain

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Festive Easter Worship

Wednesdays in April

6:30 pm

9th Grade Confirmation Classes

Saturday in April

Sunday, April 28

2:00 pm

Spring Clean-Up (Date to be determined)

8th Grade Confirmation

Friday/Saturday in May

Sunday, May 5

2:00 pm

Treasure Sale (Date to be determined)

9th Grade Confirmation