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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

For the months of April and May we are blessed to be saturated in both sacraments! What a gift it is, that every Sunday in April and in May this year, a child of God has been or will be brought to the waters of Holy Baptism at Saint Andrew.

Each week of the Easter season and into Pentecost we will hear the same words that were spoken over many of us – “Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” And, on April 28 and May 5 – several 8th and 9th graders will stand in front of the congregation and affirm the promises made in their own baptism at special 2 pm services for confirmation.

Although it may seem that baptism is solely for the individual being baptized, each time we celebrate the sacrament of baptism it is for all of us. We are invited by God to let our light so shine before others as an outpouring of faith. In their Confirmation Faith Statements, the 8th and 9th grade students reflect on their life of faith:

God is someone we can trust.

I came to the conclusion that sin causes, pain, not God. God is what takes the pain away.

Faith to me is believing in God and trusting God no matter what.

I believe we need faith to help us through our lives and to help us love each other and God.

I am part of a larger family that I know I can count on in a time of need.

I believe faith happens not only in church but in our everyday lives.

God loves everyone whether we want it to be that way or not.

*Wherever we are and whatever the situation, no matter how bad,
God will always be there for us.*

*My baptism was a sign that God has loved me from the beginning
and will love me until the end.*

May their light so shine before you, that you may give Glory to God!



**Mark your calendars:
Beginning Sunday May 26,
summer worship
will be at
8 and 9:30 am**

HOLY COMMUNION with THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, APRIL 28 at 2 PM
8th grade students

Sunday, MAY 5 at 2 PM
9th grade students

“I do and I ask God to help and guide me...”

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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Baptism Orientation

Sunday, May 5, 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.

Altar Flowers

There are three Sundays still available in 2013 to honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers: *June 16, October 13 and December 22*. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to sign up.

OWLS Group to take the "Highground"

Tuesday, May 7, 11:30 am
The OWLs will head to Neillsville, WI. After lunch at the Country Club, we will tour The Highground, a unique memorial park that pays tribute to veterans and their loved ones from all of our nation's wars. We will carpool from Saint Andrew at 11:30 am, so please call the SALC office at 715-842-3333 if you plan to attend.

New Member Orientation

Sundays, May 12 & 19, 9:15 am
New member orientation will be on Sundays, May 12 and 19 at 9:15 am. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on May 19. 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.

Remembering Zeerust

Thursday, May 16 & Sunday, May 19
A candle will be lit during worship to highlight our partnership with our sister congregation, Zeerust Lutheran Church in South Africa. A "Noisy Offering" will continue to be taken to support this partnership.
Fair Trade Coffee will also be available for purchase following the worship services.

FIFTH ANNUAL TREASURE SALE AND BRAT FRY

Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4

When you're finished spring cleaning, bring your "treasures" to church on Wednesday or Thursday, May 1 or 2. Items should be in good working order and in very good condition. Then enjoy a brat while you shop on Friday and Saturday! The following items will not be accepted: *computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances and tread mills*. Leftover items will be donated after the sale. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday and Thursday and then on the days of the sale, Friday and Saturday. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to indicate how you can help. All proceeds will support the summer youth Boundary Waters trip.

SALC PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

It is with excitement that we anticipate the arrival in May of the proof from Lifetouch Studios for the new 2013 Saint Andrew Photo Directory. The copies for those who participated will then be arriving in June. Thanks again to all who participated, volunteered with the planning, photo session hospitality and the significant time shared taking pictures and completing the directory layout. The new directory will be a valuable resource and enjoyed by many.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS AT SALC

About a year and a half ago the fair trade project began at SALC. Thanks to all who have supported the project through purchases of the coffee, tea and chocolate. A few products have been added as we found out what people might want. Recently added was an espresso chocolate bar and Love Buzz coffee made from a combination of beans imported by the fair trade supplier, Equal Exchange, from Latin America. Love Buzz is a favorite of several congregations across the U.S. Remember that when you buy fair trade products you support the small landholding farmers who have banded together in Fair Trade coffee cooperative so they can compete fairly with large coffee plantations. This results in better prices for the producers and allows more money to remain in the communities to support schools, clinics and improvement of coffee bean harvesting equipment. A special promotion now in effect is that for each bag of Sisters' blend coffee we buy from them, Equal Exchange will donate 20 cents to LWR for shipping of quilts. Here's an opportunity to stock up on some great coffee and support a great project at the same time.



Food Pantry Needs

The SALC Food Pantry currently needs the following items:

Mayonnaise, mustard, saltine crackers, rice, tomatoes, jelly, and cream of mushroom soup.

Please drop off items in the designated baskets at the building entrances.
Thank you!

Thread and Yarn

Spools of cotton thread are needed for quilting. **Gray, black and white** are the most used colors though other colors are also used and welcome. Donated thread can be placed in the basket located on the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Through a generous donation, SALC has received a variety of yarn. If you have wanted to make a prayer shawl, now is the time! Stop by the Information Desk in the Narthex to pick up some yarn.

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.

SALC Men's Golf League

The league begins next **Wednesday, April 24** with a fun day. The following **Wednesday, May 1**, official play will begin. All are welcome to enjoy great fellowship while enjoying a round of golf! Call the SALC office at 715-842-3333 to sign up.

"SONGS OF THE CHURCH" 2013 EAST CENTRAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY**SALC Cantata**

May 19, 2 and 7 pm

All are welcome to come and enjoy many familiar hymns, such as *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*, *"A Mighty Fortress"* and *"Shepherd's Pipe Carol"* sung by a choir of 80 plus voices and accompanied by a full orchestra of 40 musicians. The congregation will also be invited to sing along with some selections. A free-will offering will be received.

**"Faith-Forming"**

The annual East Central Synod Assembly convention will be held on May 17 and 18 in Green Bay. This year is the first of three years focusing on "Faith" with the emphasis at this convention on "Forming"! The SALC representatives who will participate at this year's convention as voting members are; Pastor Craig, Pastor Jenn, Marv and Joleen Meier, Bill and Doreen Radloff, Joy Mitchell and Shelby Gjertson. Shelby is also serving with the Assembly Planning group and is coordinating the service project for this year's convention that will provide boots and hygiene kits to the Marathon County "Open Door Ministry". Please pray for these members of our congregation as they will worship and serve to work collectively with the other congregations of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is the responsibility of the Christian Education Ministry to set up the Thursday and Sunday Church School calendar for the school year, including any special events such as Rally Sunday, Christmas program and VBS. The ministry establishes guidelines for the teachers to follow and reviews/selects the curriculum to be used. Guidelines and goals for Confirmation, First Communion and the 6th Grade Baptism Retreat are also part of the ministry's responsibilities. The Christian Ed Ministry meets the second Tuesday evening of each month on Ministry Night at 6:30 pm.

A sub-committee for the Christian Education Ministry is the SALC Library group. These individuals keep the library organized, maintaining current materials and also updating the records with new acquisitions into a computer database. The goal for this group is to have the library accessible and useable for all ages and now meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am.

All Are Welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SALC



8th and 9th Grade Confirmation Worship Details

8th Grade—Rehearsal and pictures, **Friday, April 26, 5:30 -7 pm**

Arrive for worship, **Sunday, April 28, 1 pm**

9th Grade—Rehearsal and pictures, **Friday, May 3, 5:30 -7 pm**

Arrive for worship, **Sunday, May 5, 1 pm**

Please remember these students and their families in prayer as they affirm their baptism through these special worship services.



Church School Concludes and VBS Kicks off!!

On **Thursday, May 16 and Sunday, May 19** Church school concludes for the year. We thank God for the time of learning and we thank those who were a part of church school in any way. For the final Sunday school opening of the year we will hear more about Vacation Bible School and this opportunity to grow and learn this summer.

Vacation Bible School—SAVE THE DATES July 22-28

Keep an eye out for more information and registration materials soon. **Volunteers are needed** to help with VBS including three very important roles: *registration assistant, volunteer assistant, and decorations assistant* as well as other small group leaders and facilitators. Please call the church office to let us know how you can help!

“Peace, what is it?” It’s Not to Late to Sign Up for Boundary Waters

Senior high youth—if you would like to learn more about peace in your life while enjoying great fellowship and adventure, sign up for the 2013 Boundary Waters trip. Several spots are still open but need to be filled soon. Prayerfully consider joining those who have already committed to going on this amazing journey. Email Matt at matt@salc-wausau.org or call the church office for more details at 715-842-3333.



SUMMER CAMP AT CROSSWAYS CAMPS

Camp is for everyone! Crossways Camping Ministries offers a whole variety of summer camp programs for all ages. Younger kids who want to get their feet wet can go for just a couple of days, while week-long camps are available for kids grades 3-12. Peer ministry opportunities are also available for students in grades 8-12.

Camp isn’t just for kids—grandparent and family camps are also available and are a perfect opportunity for a summer getaway where families can grow in their connection with God and one another.

Saint Andrew is very connected to this ministry through annual benevolence and Waypost or Crossways staff members who regularly worship here. Our very own Matt Seegert is a staff alumni through crossways. Check out the brochures on the information desk or call the office for more information.



MAY

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Altar Guild	Team 6: Stephanie Wage, Patty Marceille & Julie Weller	Team 6: Stephanie Wage, Patty Marceille & Julie Weller	Team 2: Donna Peth, Joleen Meier & Ann McDonald	Team 2: Donna Peth, Joleen Meier & Ann McDonald
Usher Team	Shepherd <i>2 pm: Confirmation - B Team</i>	A	B	Brekke
Acolytes	Noah & Isaac Radloff			
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am			
Greeters	Sean McCarthy Judith Marshall	Eric Verber Beverly Powell	Ray Skare Craig Holmes	8:00 am Jonnie Malm 9:30 am Shirley Bickford
Nursery	Bill & Doreen Radloff George & Bonnie Alafouzou	Brandon & Melissa Murphy Shirley Bickford	John & Jan Mann Tom & Mary Welland	8:00 am TBD 9:30 am Greg and Jeanne Willems
Fellowship	Linda & Rianna Fust	Doug & Christy Keele	Ken & Jess Bloom	
	Jim & Diane VanEyck Susie & Ashley Soukup	Mark & Cindy Moser Mike & Carrie Clement	Jason & Linda Rickstad Jerry & Marlene Kort/Amy Frolik	8:00 am Dick & Mary Jarvis 9:30 am Adam & Kathy Wurz

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35B Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

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:

Jacob Allen - February 16
Kajsa Rae - March 17
Ella Grace - April 7
Kaitlyn Rose - April 14
Gracelyn Elaina - April 21
Edison Lee - April 28

MacKenna Marie - May 5
Braelynn Reese - May 12
Alex Matthew - May 12
Violet Ann - May 19
Theodore Bernard - May 26

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Becky & Charlie - June 8 Haylee & Kory - July 13
Heidi & Gary - June 15 Abbey & Brad - July 20
Michaela & Josh - June 22

WE PRAY...

for the families of those who have joined the church triumphant in March:

Kenneth Malpert
Dan Quiett
Wanda Corullo

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

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, April 28 2:00 pm	8th Grade Confirmation
May 3 and 4 Sunday, May 5 2:00 pm	Treasure Sale and Brat Fry 9th Grade Confirmation
May 7 11:30 am	OWLS Group to Highground
May 12 9:15 am	New Member Orientation
May 19 9:15 am	New Member Orientation New Members received at 10:30 am worship
May 17 & 18 May 19 2 and 7 pm	East Central Synod Assembly in Green Bay "Songs of the Church" SALC Cantata
May 26 May 27	Summer Worship Begins - 8 and 9:30 am Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office Closed
July 22-28	VBS