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SUMMER REFLECTIONS *by Pastor Craig*


While it has taken a good long while, it seems winter's grip has finally let loose. The snow blower is parked to the side of the garage rather than in ready mode at front and center. No more drab browns and grays. In fact, it is shaping up to be a beautiful delayed spring season. For several weeks I have been wondering if the lawn will turn from brown to green. The colors of the tree blossoms are just beautiful and the mountain is coming alive with color again. After a longer than usual winter, many are ready to embrace this coveted time of year. Open the windows, pump up the bicycle tires, start up the lawn mower, pull out the boat and the motorcycle, dust off the golf clubs and fire up the grill. To quote a reversed phrase from, Willy Wonka, "so little time and so much to do." There are vacations to take, reunions to attend, weddings and picnics, summer fests, graduation parties, summer camps, adventure trips and Vacation Bible School. It hardly seems practical to fit everything in...and perhaps that is more true than we care to admit. There is time, but not always enough of it for what we wish to accomplish and it is not likely we will fit everything in. There are many things that are important to enjoy and the time we have is precious so we like to plan carefully so as not to miss out on people and experiences that enhance our lives. So how will you choose? What will you attempt to fit into the summer plans?

As important as many things are for the brief summer season, there is also a need to remain connected to the body of Christ while at home and when you are away. Stay connected! Even when plans take you away for a few weekends or even weeks at a time, there are options to consider that help keep you rooted in the life of the Body of Christ as we enter this coveted and long anticipated season.

For example, you might consider attending worship on Thursdays. There are two options mid-week, 12:15 or 6:15 pm. Many have taken advantage of this option permanently but many do so seasonally as well. A special worship liturgy is being created for the summer to be used on Thursdays making this a unique opportunity to pattern worship based on the collection of Psalms. There is also the option of attending worship while away. If you need assistance in locating a church, you can use the "find a congregation" link on the ELCA website. There is likely a congregation in the area where you are recreating or visiting and you might learn ideas to share when you return.

In addition to creative worship opportunities, consider other fun events. How about intentional table or transportation conversations as you gather with others that center around a story, a concern or a current event. What Bible story is similar to the ones you share and how do they shape and strengthen your faith? Take the effort to be intentional and learn to listen with care and to be fully engaged in the lives of others. Take a hike along a trail, a bike ride or sit near the lake or a stream and reflect on God's creation. What do you see? What do you hear? Reflect on the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth." Regardless what plans you have for the summer, I hope you have plans to stay connected and engaged in life and ministry. Blessings to you for a great and fruitful summer! Perhaps I will see you on the trails!

Sunday Summer Worship Times
May 26—September 1
8:00 & 9:30 am



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, June 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 third quarter of “Christ In Our Home” devotionals are now available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy.

OWLS Group Head Down the Road

Tuesday, June 4, 11:30 am

Wouldn't it be lovely at the Wooden Chair Restaurant? Meet at Saint Andrew to carpool at 11:30 am then head to Stevens Point in time for a sumptuous lunch at The Wooden Chair. After lunch, we will visit the unique new sculpture park. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to RSVP.



Treasure Sale Thank You

Thank you to all who donated, set-up, worked and shopped at the Treasure Sale. All proceeds are very much appreciated and will benefit the youth summer trip to the Boundary Waters!

June Noisy Offering

During worship on the third week of each month, a special offering is received in support of some special ministry effort (LWR, partnership with our sister congregation in Zeerurst, South Africa) This month's offering will be directed toward the July Vacation Bible School program. Generous contributions will help support this year's special even that is highlighted elsewhere in this issue. Check it out!

SALC GOLF OUTING

Saturday, July 13, 8 am; Rib Mountain Golf Course

The fun begins with a shot-gun start and continues with a 9-hole scramble including prizes for special hole events (longest putt, closest to the hole, etc).



Register your foursome or be a part of a “potluck” team. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall or call the office. The \$20 fee includes golfing and a cart.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

FROM THE LIBRARY

There are many places and times that we have heard we should “think outside the box.” That is exactly what the book, An Altar in the World by *Barbara Brown Taylor* tells us to do with our religious and spiritual lives—think and do outside the church building. Taylor sees the church everywhere, the holy in everything, the blessed in the everyday and reminds us that God works through us. Check out this book from the Saint Andrew library and open your minds and hearts to the spirituality in the world.

ELCA 2013 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

On May 18 and 19 the East Central Synod of Wisconsin met in Green Bay for the 2013 Synod Assembly. Most of us probably keep up fairly well on the activities of Saint Andrew but we possibly are less informed about the activities of our Synod. Here is a quick glimpse of what took place at the Assembly.

The Assembly is held to conduct the necessary business of the synod such as the budget and changes in programs and activities. However much of the time is spent in worship, educational presentations and brief presentations regarding the many programs overseen by the synod. There was inspiring music sprinkled throughout the Assembly. Also, during the two days there were 10 brief "Celebration Moments" when individual congregations highlighted an outreach activity or program they have been carrying out.

The Keynote Speaker, Dr. David Lose, spoke about Revitalizing Congregations. He suggests starting with questions: What do people need from the church? What does the community need from the church? Also, we need to give all people, including the youth, a chance to lead and give everyone a chance to practice at church what we need to do in our daily lives. It is not just about Sunday, it is the rest of the week that is most important.

The Assembly had a family feeling and was very well-run in terms of getting out the information that participants needed to know. Overall, it was well-structured and the food and fellowship was good! What more could you ask for? Maybe you should be a representative next year!

God is good - All the time! All the time - God is Good!

CPR, First Aid, AED Volunteers Needed

Individuals that are CPR, First Aid and AED certified are needed to be a volunteer during worship services in the event we have an emergency situation. If you are interested in being on a rotational list, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to share your time, talent and gift.

Memorial Gifts Received

The following have given a memorial gift to SALC in April or May this year:

- T. Lambrecht in memory of Dan Quiett
- D. Mecklenburg in memory of Darrell DeHahn
- A. Czynewski

It is with great appreciation that these gifts were received. If you would like to give a memorial gift to Saint Andrew, please call the church office.

Confirmation Camp

If you have a confirmand that will be going to confirmation camp this summer and you did not receive an email outlining the details, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 or contact Matt at matt@salc-wausau.org.

Reminder to parents and campers: you will need to provide your own transportation to and from Crossways Camp at Waypost on Mission Lake, Hatley.

Celebration Patio Pavers

Spring is finally here and the patio on the north side of the building can once again be seen. If you would like to have a paver dedicated to a loved one, pick up a form on the Information Desk in the Narthex and return it to the church office with payment. Examples may include: birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, in memory or honor of, new members, charter members! Personalize a paver for your celebration!

FAITH IN ACTION OF MARATHON COUNTY, INC.

Connecting People in need with people who care!

The Faith in Action of Marathon County mission is to provide volunteers to help seniors maintain their independence while remaining in their homes for as long as **safely** possible. The mission is carried out by volunteers recruited from a network of congregations and community organizations to serve in their local area. Program staff work with volunteers to provide support that offers respite for family caregivers and assistance to individuals (friendly visits, transportation, shopping, phone reassurance, bill paying, reading, yard work, minor home repairs and more).

Volunteers come from participating congregations, organizations and the community to offer friendship and support to someone who lives nearby. Times are flexible depending on the volunteer's schedule. Training and screening is provided for volunteers. The only special ability required is the desire to help your neighbor.

How can you help? **Volunteer, refer elderly friends and neighbors in need of assistance, provide financial support to Faith in Action which extends its services and meets the growing needs of the elderly in our community.**

Faith in Action is about nurturing one's faith through the simple gift of serving others--

A Neighbor's Independence Depends on You!

Learn more at www.faithinactionmc.org

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Ministry supports the Mission of Saint Andrew by planning and coordinating activities and events for all members to provide opportunities for participation in the community life of the church. Cookie Fellowship is hosted weekly by volunteers between and after the Sunday worship services. Annual events coordinated by the Fellowship Ministry include the Church Picnic, Pretzel Sunday, Gingerbread House and Cookie Decorating. Support is also offered as needed to the OWL's group and other ministries in the church that need assistance. Additionally, this ministry organizes special family activities, community service projects and other seasonal events. The Fellowship ministry welcomes new members for planning as well as volunteers who would like to help with the events. Joining in the fun of a Fellowship activity is an easy way to get acquainted with others at Saint Andrew in a casual and comfortable setting. All are welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SALC

Vacation Bible School—July 22-26

You are invited to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). Saint Andrew will be partnering with Crossways Camping Ministries to provide an amazing experience for the youth at Saint Andrew. Please use the registration form below to register and let us know if you are willing to volunteer, host a counselor, or provide snacks, craft materials, etc.

Vacation Bible School with Crossways Day Camp is a weeklong program for children Pre-K through 5th grade. Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor and congregational ministry with crafts, music, worship, games, Bible study, fellowship and recreation.

The purpose of Vacation Bible School is to provide a quality Christian experience for youth at Saint Andrew. Both camps and congregations have a dynamic impact on the faith development of children. Crossways' Day Camp will partner with us to provide enthusiasm, energy, curriculum, and program ideas. VBS Day camp is a great way to supplement the year-round Christian education program and the faith development of the families and children at Saint Andrew.

The strength of Day Camp is the partnership between Crossways camp staff and Saint Andrew Volunteers. Crossways camp staff are caring, committed young adults who are trained to lead Bible studies, worship, music, recreation, crafts and building community. Their enthusiasm, energy, curriculum and program ideas are important to the success of VBS Day Camp week. Saint Andrew Volunteers provide the important connection for the children. The relationships the congregational volunteers develop at VBS Day Camp will be valuable to the children year-round.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM July 22-26, 2013



Camper Name		Male/Female	Age
Parent/Guardian Name	Home Congregation	Town	
Home Address	City	State/Zip	
Home Phone	Work Phone	Pre K K 1 2 3 4 5	Grade <i>completed</i> by the camper (circle one)

Parents:

- I am interested in being a Day Camp volunteer.
- I am interested in having some of the Crossways Day Camp Team stay at my home.
- I am interested in having the Crossways Day Camp Team at my home for dinner.
- I am interested in sponsoring another child who can't afford Day Camp.
- I am interested in donating supplies for Day Camp (i.e. arts & crafts, food, etc.).

Return this form with a \$15 Registration Fee to the Saint Andrew Lutheran Church Office by July 15, 2013.

JUNE

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 1	Team 4	Team 4	Team 5
Usher Team	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	A	B
Layreaders	8:00 am 9:30 am Marv Meier Linda Vogen	Kaja Yirkovsky Jim Jordan	(Oen) Jane Wettreau	Joleen Meier Carolyn Kiesau	Ed Wodalski Jayne Germinaro
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am Roger Otto & Pam Mielke Deb Bradshaw & Linda Vogen	John & Pat Barnett Dave & Susan Paisar	John & Jan Mann Ron & Diane Rasmussen	Eugene & Nancy Moyer Wayne & Laura Johnson	Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson Doug & Marilyn Olson
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am Keith & Sandi Rusch Terry & June Grabau	Gary Hibbard & Judy Rusch Craig & Marni Holmes/Amy Frolik	Steve & Kay Sitko Russ & Alice Van Skike	James & Kristin Woller Amy Frolik	Dave & Maggie Mueller Greg & Jeanne Willems

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Psalm 96:1-9 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10	1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10; 12:13-15 Psalm 32 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

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:

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
Charlie Patrick - May 12
Violet Ann - May 19
Theodore Bernard - May 26
Maree Rose - June 2
Gavin Maxwell - June 2

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Becky & Charlie - June 8
Heidi & Gary - June 15
Michaela & Josh - June 22
Haylee & Kory - July 13
Abbey & Brad - July 20
Katie & James - August 17

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...

Aaron	Jean	Shana	Bruce
Ali	Jennifer	Susan	Pat
Babs	Jim and Marilyn	Tammy	Dixie
Ben	John	Tom	Keegan
Brad	June	Tracy	Maggie
Brianna	Kaylin	Tracy	Debbie
Callie and Zak	Laura	Yvonne	Shelly
Carrie	Lynn	Harvey	Violet
Dave	Marie	Irma	Judi & Dakota
Gary	Mary	Laura	Susan
George & Jackie	Nora	Roland	Chuck
Gerry	Renee	Tom	Marge
Irma Breese	Robin	Ella	Kathleen
James, Henry & Elsie	Rodney	Marty	Jim
Jane	Sabrina & Shane	Maddie	

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

May 26 May 27	8 and 9:30 am	<i>Sunday Summer Worship Begins Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office Closed</i>
June 16-21		<i>Confirmation Camp</i>
July 7-13 July 22-28		<i>Youth Boundary Waters Trip VBS</i>
August 18	9:30 am	<i>Blessing of Pets Worship</i>
September 4		<i>Confirmation Parent Orientation—7th & 8th Grades</i>
September 5		<i>Thursday Church School Rally Day</i>
September 7		<i>7th Grade Retreat</i>
September 8	8 & 10:30 am	<i>Sunday Fall/Winter Worship Begins</i>
September 8	9:15 am	<i>Sunday Church School Rally Day</i>
September 8	11:30 am	<i>SALC Annual Picnic</i>
September 8		<i>ELCA 25th Anniversary</i>
September 11		<i>Confirmation Classes Begin—7th & 8th Grades</i>
September 22	9:15 am	<i>Acolyte Training</i>