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DEEPLY ROOTED AND ALWAYS BEING MADE NEW!

There is a “timelessness” when it comes to God. In the book of Revelation, the Lord declares, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” God, the beginning and the end, also holds everything in between. And yet, we live our lives in the rhythm of time: days, months, seasons, and years.

I’ve been reflecting on time, especially beginnings, quite a bit lately. I was ordained and began the call to serve as pastor at Saint Andrew, having been installed a year ago, July 9th. I can’t put into words what a joy it has been to preach and lead worship, to baptize and to teach, to preside over Holy Communion and to walk together with you through various joys, struggles and life passages. I daily thank God for the ministry that we do together in this time and place.

This year our church, the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*, celebrates its 25th year. We will help to celebrate this important anniversary with the wider church on “*God’s Work Our Hands*” Sunday, September 8th—which is also the day of our church picnic and Rally day. Saint Andrew was chartered as a congregation of the *Lutheran Church in America* (LCA) in 1980, but in 1987, the LCA and other Lutheran bodies voted to merge into the ELCA at a convention that took place in Columbus, Ohio.

When the ELCA formed, bishops from the various Lutheran churches came into a room filled with members of the new church, carrying large jugs of water (like the kind you would see in office fountains) pouring them into a single baptismal font symbolizing the unity of the church. As their time in conversation and meeting came to an end with a closing worship, the various bishops came in again, carrying decanters of wine which filled one common chalice for the celebration of Holy Communion. As Edgard Trexler, former editor of the *Lutheran Magazine* reflects back, he says, “Legalities and elections brought the new church into being, but worship gave it life and heart and soul.”

The theme for the 25th anniversary of the ELCA is, “Always Being Made New.” The celebration page of the ELCA website describes the anniversary:

We are a church that is deeply rooted – and always being made new. Our roots are in Scripture, tradition and the Lutheran Confessions, as well as in the vibrant communities and rich histories of our congregations. These roots are an ongoing source of nourishment, enabling us to be a church that is resilient, always reforming and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Saint Andrew continues to be guided by the Holy Spirit—deeply rooted but always being made new! That is something to celebrate! The rich history of this church is known and is shaping the future. Now, more than ever, our neighbors, coworkers, family and friends are in need of hearing the promises of God: Forgiveness! Love in community! And Life through Jesus Christ! What a beautiful and unique opportunity to share this gospel through our call to be “Open to all...” There is work to do and good news to share—so let’s celebrate! Happy Anniversary!

Pastor Jenn

Summer Worship Times

May 26—September 1

Thursdays, 12:15 & 6:15 pm; Sundays, 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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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SALC

Crossways Camping Ministries is coming to Saint Andrew for VBS Camp Faith Alive!

On July 22nd-26th from 9 am-12pm each day youth will experience camp, learn about God, and have a lot of fun at Saint Andrew. **YOUR HELP** as volunteers is needed to make this an amazing experience for everyone involved. **Please prayerfully consider volunteering for VBS this summer. Fill out the volunteer form and return it ASAP to Saint Andrew.**

Donations

Snacks Donations

Pull a tag from the donation display in the fellowship hall and provide the correlating item for snack time.

Camper Scholarships

Make a monetary donation in one of the envelopes on display in the Fellowship Hall to make it possible for all youth who sign up be able to afford coming to VBS.

Volunteers

Snack Volunteer

Prepare and serve snacks to the VBS youth participants during snack time; *2 volunteers needed for the week*

Arts and Crafts

Help prepare Arts and Crafts space and materials; *2 Volunteers needed for the week*

Group Volunteers

Help youth move from activity to activity, help youth participate in activities; *2-3 volunteers needed per age group, 7 groups for 14-20 Total Volunteers*

Host Families – Great chance to “Connect with the Counselors”!

Host 2 counselors for the week - 4-5 Host homes needed; Provide for 2 counselors to sleep, shower, and have breakfast (**please note – they will have their own transportation**)

Dinner Hosts

To assist the overnight host families – provide the evening dinner one of the week nights for any number of the 8-10 counselors. You could even bring the meal to Saint Andrew and host at the church.



Camp Faith Alive VBS Volunteer Sign-up



Name

Phone

Email

Age if under 18

- ◆ Snack Volunteer
- ◆ Arts and Crafts Volunteer
- ◆ Group Volunteer - *Age group preferred* _____
- ◆ Host Family
- ◆ Dinner Host - *For 8-10 Counselors on* _____ *night*

SALC Golf Outing

*Saturday, July 13, 8 am
Rib Mountain Golf Course*
The fun starts with a shot-gun start and continues with a 9-hole scramble with prizes for special hole events (longest putt, closest to the hole, etc). Sign up your foursome or be a part of a "potluck" team. At least one church member per team. Sign-up sheet available in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. \$20 fee includes golf and cart. *All are welcome to join in the fun!*

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The 2013 third quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals for July, August and September are now available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy.

Memorial Gifts Received

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

M. Witich, J. Mitchell and Oberbeck in memory of Susie Kittson;

D. Bloodworth in memory of David Flory

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.

July Noisy Offering

During worship on the third week of each month, a special offering is received in support of a special ministry effort (LWR, partnership with our sister congregation in Zeerurst, South Africa). This month's offering will be used to support this summer's VBS Camp Faith Alive.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Ever wonder what it would be like to land an airplane on a carrier deck? Dee Henderson's "True Valar" will remind you that soldiers do things so others may live. This story about pilots and pararescue jumpers will amaze you. The Navy and Air Force work hand in hand to save lives. There are raw emotions, grief, fear, adventure, romance and a trusting relationship with God that play throughout the book. Dee reminds us that "God is sufficient no matter what the circumstances and that relationships do matter."

JULY

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

July 7

July 14

July 21

July 28

Altar Guild		Team 5	Team 3	Team 3	Team 6
Usher Team		Brekke	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd
Layreaders	8:00 am 9:30 am	Dewey Allen Lynn Chaignot	Chris Kensmoe Craig Holmes	Jonnie Malm Susan Paisar	Pauline Hartman Cheryl Allen
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Tom & Karen Weidman Rosetta Ahles & Cindy Markowski	Tom & Wendi Howe John Brauer & Lenette Hoover	Larry & Annette Bindl Susie & Ashley Soukup	Jim Jacobson & John Barnett Greg & Jeanne Willems
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Larry & Annette Bindl George & Bonnie Alafouzos	David & Nancy Larson Annette Green & Lenette Hoover	Bernie, LeAnn & Cadin Stankowski Mary Wittich & Ann McDonald	Jim Jacobson & Joanne Howard Roger & Ruth Poutanen

LECTIONARY READINGS

July 7

July 14

July 21

July 28

Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13
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Upcoming Events/Activities

July 7-13		<i>Youth Boundary Waters Trip</i>
July 13	8:00 am	<i>SALC Golf Outing at Rib Mountain Golf Course</i>
July 22-28		<i>VBS</i>
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August 18	9:30 am	<i>Blessing of Pets Worship</i>
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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>

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:

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
Wesley Scott - May 30
Tanner Christian - June 2
Miranda May - June 2
Hunter Allen - June 2
Maree Rose - June 2
Gavin Maxwell - June 2
Beckett William - July 7

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
Katie & James - August 17
Katherine & Joseph - September 14
Sarah & Nathan - September 21
Amanda & Jesse - September 28

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

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)