

Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS BY *Pastor Craig*

Even though there is still plenty of summer left to enjoy, plans are well underway for the fall programming at Saint Andrew. The Christian Education Ministry members, Matt and Pastor Jenn are busy looking for teachers, helpers, and confirmation mentors for the fall programs. Curriculum and activities are being reviewed and registration materials will soon be available to register students for church school and confirmation. Al is gearing up for worship as he is actively searching for music for the choirs that will get us well into fall and the Christmas season. (Imagine listening to hours of CD music and searching through stacks of sheet music for Christmas in July!)

One of the favored events of summer at Saint Andrew is the Blessing of Pets and Animals service that takes place from the Celebration Patio on the north lawn. This service is a celebration of God's creatures and those who care for and love them as life companions. Note that this unique service will take place **Sunday, August 18 at 9:30 am**. Bring a lawn chair and sunglasses and enjoy an outdoor worship experience with your favorite pet. Many people who do not have a pet enjoy this chance to experience worship and celebrate God's creatures great and small. Dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters...All are welcome!

The next event is the annual church picnic. This fellowship activity now takes place on the Sunday after Labor Day in conjunction with church school registration and Rally Day. The summer worship schedule concludes on September 1. On September 8, the second Sunday worship time returns to 10:30 am and classes for all church school levels (adults included) begin at 9:15 am.

Many details for this next busy season are highlighted in this issue of the Network. Identify the ones that are of interest to you and your family so that you are informed well in advance of the start dates and times for education, choir, worship, fellowship activities and Bible studies and anticipate plugging into one or several of the many ways you can participate and share the presence of Christ through the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

Summer blessings!

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

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, August 4, 10:30 am
Expecting a baptism in your family or do you want to learn more about baptism? One of the pastors will lead an orientation session in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism or who want to learn more about the possibilities for baptism. Please contact the church office to register for this informative opportunity or to learn more.

OWLS Group Take Wing

Tuesday, August 6 11:30 am
The *Clauson Family Music Show* will be a delightful afternoon full of energy and unusual experiences. Meet at SALC to carpool at 11:30 am, arrive in Coloma to eat the sack lunch you packed, then on to the show. Post-show munchies will be enjoyed at an area restaurant. Tickets (\$12) can be reserved at the church office.



Fellowship Help Needed

A few more volunteers are needed for Sunday morning fellowship. Please contact the church office if you would like your name added to the rotational list (serving only 2-4 times per year) and also indicate which worship service you would prefer.

August Noisy Offering

The **August 25** Noisy Offering will be directed toward our sister congregation in Zeerust South Africa in support of their building project. Check out their building progress on the Saint Andrew website.

Please note this offering is being received on the **fourth** week rather than the **third** this month! Thank you for your continued generosity!

SALC ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 8, 11:30 am

All are welcome for food and fun on the Celebration Patio! The cooks will be grilling; please bring a side dish or dessert to pass according to the first letter of your last name:

A – J bring a dessert

K– Z bring a salad or side dish

Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic, bingo calling and kids' games. Please contact the church office if you can help.

Donations needed: Cakes and cupcakes for the cake walk. Cardboard cake rounds will be available.

BLESSING OF PETS AND ANIMALS

Sunday, August 18, 9:30 am

Bring the **whole** family — all socially adapted creatures, great and small, are welcome.



The service will be led from the Celebration Patio on the north side of the Fellowship Hall. Seating is on the lawn. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and sunglasses and enjoy this outdoor worship experience.

PHOTO DIRECTORIES TO ARRIVE IN AUGUST

Coming Soon! It is with anticipation and excitement that the new Saint Andrew Photo Directories are scheduled to be received the second week of August. Please watch for further details in the bulletin or on the website.

2013 CROP WALK

Sunday, October 6, 12 pm

The 2013 Wausau CROP Walk will take place at Marathon Park. CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walks are a major fund raising activity for Church World Service, the relief and development arm of the National Council of Churches of which the ELCA is a member. CWS works in cooperation with LWR (Lutheran World Relief) and other relief and development agencies to address both domestic and international crises bringing help and hope to affected people.

CROP Walk routes will be 10K and 5K with a 1 mile option also. Walkers' sponsor envelopes will be available at the end of this month. Please make plans and mark your calendars now to join walkers from SALC and many other churches in Wausau on October 6.

Memorial Gifts Received

A memorial gift was received in June to SALC in memory of Dan Quiett from M. Quiett, C. Cummings, R. Eckert, M. Smith and R. Sanders.

Thank you for all gifts received in honor or in memory of someone special. If you would like to give a memorial gift to Saint Andrew, please contact the church office.

Magic Paper Box

As many of you have learned, the Magic Paper Box has disappeared. The company responsible for this recycling effort has discontinued the program. Thank you to everyone who has brought paper as a means of recycling and in support of the youth programming through funds that were generated from this convenient recycling program. Until another opportunity is identified, please find other ways to be good stewards and recycle as you can.

Food Pantry Needs

The SALC Food Pantry continues to be utilized by many. Next time you're shopping, please pick up some items to help re-stock the Food Pantry. *Currently needed is: jelly, mustard, bags of rice, soup, tuna and saltine crackers.* Items can be placed in the baskets at the entrances of the church. Also needed at this time are paper bags used in preparing food baskets. Thank you for supporting the SALC Food Pantry!

Celebration Patio Pavers

If you are looking for a special way to honor a loved one or a special event, you might consider purchasing a paver to be added to the Celebration Patio. Order forms are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex. Fill it out and return it to the church office with payment (\$100). Examples include: birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, anniversary, retirement. Thanks be to God for life celebrations!

LWR SCHOOL BAGS & SUPPLIES

Soon we will be sending school bags filled with school supplies for Lutheran World Relief helping families with children who need supplies but may not have adequate resources to purchase them. ***How can you help?*** Sewing is easier than ever, newly designed drawstring school bags from a kit are available at the Information Desk! Like to shop? Stop by the display in the Fellowship Hall and pick a tag representing various school supplies needed for the school bags. Completed school bags and purchased school supplies should be returned to SALC by ***Sunday, September 22.*** Thank you for supporting LWR and Social Ministry!

LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY CLASSES

The Central Wisconsin School of Lay Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin was established in September 1999, to assist pastors and churches to further equip and empower adult lay persons in the fulfillment of their callings to serve Christ. Classes will begin Friday and Saturday, ***September 20 and 21*** at Saint Andrew and are then held once a month through May. For more information, contact Jeanette Carlson at 715-848-2108, jeanette@bobs-electric.com, or Mary Neumann at 715-693-2087. Feel free to visit the website at www.wausaulayschool.org.



"Equipping Laity for Christ's Mission"

NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM AT SALC - "STAYING CONNECTED!"

Saint Andrew would like to develop a new program, "Staying Connected", with the 18-25 year old members as they transition and move forward to different areas of their life. Parents with young adults in this age group should watch for a mailing soon requesting address information to provide Saint Andrew with an opportunity to create this ministry for staying connected. If you would like to help develop this outreach program with other members of Saint Andrew please contact Shelby at shelby@salc-wausau.org.

BOUNDARY WATERS-ANOTHER GREAT ADVENTURE!

The Boundary Waters crew had an awesome time on their trip and made it back home safely. Keep your eyes and ears open this September to see pictures and hear all the stories about their adventure. Thank you for all of your support and prayers and making this trip possible!

2013-2014 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SALC

CHURCH SCHOOL KICKS OFF! RALLY DAY INFORMATION—Thursday, September 5 & Sunday, September 8

Sunday classes begin at 9:15 am with a rally and registration in the sanctuary for Pre-K through 8th grades! Parents and students are invited to attend together as we kick the year off with celebration and learn about church school details. *Regular classes begin September 15 with large group in the sanctuary at 9:15 am.*

Thursday classes begin at 5:30 pm! Registration for Thursday classes will take place on Rally Day. Parents, please attend this evening with students. *Regular classes begin the following Thursday, September 12.* Look for registration information in the next Network!

FAMILIES of STUDENTS in 6th GRADE

Last year the SALC confirmation program transitioned to a two-year structure for those in 7th and 8th grades. Because of this change, there is strong emphasis placed on attendance for 6th grade students to attend church school on *Sunday mornings at 9:15*. Students will focus on Bible basics in anticipation of and preparation for confirmation. **Save the date! 6th Grade Baptism retreat—Sunday, October 27, 2-5 pm**

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Confirmation will kick off on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall with orientation and registration. Students in 7th and 8th grades along with their parents are to attend together. Regular classes will begin the following week and will be held every Wednesday, 6:15-7:30 pm. Registration forms and detailed information will be sent out to families with students in these grades in early August and will also be available at church.

Save the date! 7th Grade confirmation students will have a day long retreat on Saturday, September 7!

ALSO NOTE: The 8th grade students will write their Faith Statements in the Fall Semester of their Freshman year with Confirmation Sunday scheduled for Reformation Sunday, October 27 at 2 pm.

TEACHERS AND MENTORS NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider sharing your gift of teaching with SALC's youth. Teachers are needed for 5th & 6th grades on Sundays and for all grades on Thursdays. Enjoy working with older children? Then, maybe stepping into a mentor role is just for you! Job sharing for all is a great option! Please call the SALC office at 715-842-3333.

SAVE THE DATES!

2 nd Grade Bibles received	Nov. 7 & 10
2 nd Grade Bible Orientation	Nov. 14(Th)/17(Su)
Senior High Youth Gathering	Nov. 15-17
Christmas Program	Dec. 12(Th)/15(Su)
3 rd —5 th grade winter retreat	Jan. 17-18
Junior High Youth Gathering	Feb. 14-15
First Communion Classes	Begin Mar. 16
First Communion Worship	Apr. 13, 2 pm

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Begins September 8, 9:15 am in the Parish Room

Gather in conversation and study led by Paul Nelson around scripture beginning September 8. The group will continue utilizing the resource, *International Sunday School Lessons* and will start off with "First Things" - a look at the Book of Genesis.

BAPTIZED WE LIVE - Begins September 15, 9:15 am in the Activity Room

For adults interested in baptism or affirming their baptism (confirmation)—and for those who are interested to learn more about what it means to be Lutheran. Pastor Jenn and Pastor Craig will lead a study using the book, *Baptized We Live* by Dan Erlander.

SUNDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Begins September 8 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Room

This is a regularly offered pastoral led study. The resource for this coming fall is yet to be decided but check back in the Network for more information.

AUGUST

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

		August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Altar Guild		Team 6	Team 2	Team 2	Team 1
Usher Team		A	B	Brekke	Weidman
Layreaders	8:00 am 9:30 am	Diane Goetsch Nancy Jordan	Gary Hibbard Marilyn Olson	Sean McCarthy Judith Marshall	Eric Verber Beverly Powell
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	John & Jayme Rusinek George & Bonnie Alafouzios	Dan & Lynne Holt Amy & Jesse Frolik	Joanne Howard & Doreen Radloff Bill & Lucy Harvey	Mark & Cyndi Moser Pam Clark & Deb Bradshaw
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Marv & Joleen Meier Susie & Ashley Soukup	Keith & Sandi Rusch Jerry & Marlene Kort	Eric & Jamie Hane Adam & Kathy Wurz	Matt & Kristen Young Terry & June Grabau

LECTIONARY READINGS

August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

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:

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
Chase Matthew - July 28
Kensi Mae - August 11
Ryker William - August 18
Camden John - September 1

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Charlie & Becky - June 8
Gary & Heidi - June 15
Josh & Michaela - June 22
Kory & Haylee - July 13
Dennis & Renee—July 16
James & Katie - August 17
Joseph & Katherine - September 14
Nathan & Sarah - September 21
Jesse & Amanda - September 28
Doug & Alicia - October 5
Jon & Sumitra—October 12

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

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

August 6	11:30 am	OWLS to <i>The Clauson Family Music Show</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 Church 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>