

Network



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LOOKING FOR THE KINGDOM

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Luke 12:32

Prior to his retirement, my dad worked for GE Medical as an electrical engineer. Instead of General Electric, my dad had me convinced as a child that GE was an acronym for *Good Enough*. In our household growing up, GE was often the response to the question, *How are you doing?* The answer – *GE, Good Enough!*

As the seasons begin to change from the relaxed pace of summer into the busy fall schedule, it's important to take our pulses and sincerely ask the question, *How are you doing?* Are you planning for a year that is more open and less full? Are you ready for a challenge? What are the joys in this season of your life? What are the struggles and how can you move to care for yourself in the midst of them? To what new thing is God calling you?

The same question could be asked of families. How are we doing as a family? What will our priorities be for this year? Which commitments are important to our family's health and wellbeing? What commitments can we let go of in order to make more room for one another? How can we continue to grow in faith together?

As a congregation, we can ask that question, too. As we take the pulse of our life together, one of the ways we can measure it is by the number of opportunities we had to share together this summer:

- + Many were washed in the waters of baptism
- + A Psalm Liturgy was used during worship on Thursdays
- + Students spent a week nurturing their "faith alive" through Vacation Bible School and confirmation camp at Waypost on Mission Lake
- + Youth and adults spent a week deepening their faith and forming community in the boundary waters
- + The reading reflections group is making their way through the book, *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor
- + Connections through worship and other volunteer opportunities

There are so many reasons to give thanks to God for our life together. When we open our eyes we can see that the life, peace, and joy of the kingdom of God is surrounding us, inviting us to live in that same kingdom reality. Whatever your response might be to the question, "How are you doing?", know that God faithfully walks with you through this and all seasons of life, providing everything needed. So do not be afraid little flock – it is God's great joy to give you the kingdom.

— Pastor Jenn

Sunday Fall Worship Times Begin

September 8

8:00 & 10:30 am

**Also, note the office will be closed on
Labor Day, Monday, September 2**

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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2013 Directories Have Arrived!

The photo directories are now available at the information desk to those who participated. Please check your name on the list to acknowledge receipt. Thank you to all who participated by having their pictures taken or submitted a photo. Thanks also to the many volunteers who assisted with planning, layout and formatting and worked at the reception desk. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The 2013 fourth quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are now available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy.

September Noisy Offering

The **September 15** Noisy Offering will be used to offset shipping costs for LWR school bags and quilts. Fair Trade Coffee will also be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall.

LWR Quilts, School Bags & Supplies

Soon we will be sending quilts and 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. Thank you to everyone who has supported Lutheran World Relief (LWR)! Please return all items to the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, September 22.**

Try Dartball!

Mondays, September 16 & 23 7 pm

If you have never heard of dartball or are looking for a way to spend Monday evenings in fun and fellowship beginning this fall, consider joining the Saint Andrew Dartball team. The board will be set up in the Fellowship Hall to stop in and give it a try. No previous experience needed. All are welcome!

SALC ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 8, 11:30 am

The annual church picnic is just around the corner and all are welcome to enjoy lots of fun, including a bouncy house, and good food 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.

Cakes and cupcakes are needed for the cake walk. Cardboard cake rounds are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Fleece donations (48", 60" or 72" pieces) are now being received to make tied blankets to be donated to the Rib Mountain Fire Department. These blankets will be a part of the ELCA 30th birthday demonstrating the theme, "God's Work, Our Hands." One or two of the blankets will be a group project at the picnic while others will be tied closer to the ELCA birthday celebration date in October. Donated fleece fabric can be brought to the Fellowship Hall now until October 1.

TOOLS FOR SAINT ANDREW

Every now and again, there is need for a tool to complete a project around the church but



the tool box inventory is limited. Do you have an extra pair of pliers, crescent wrench or tape measure? Do you like to snoop around at garage sales or peruse the sales ads? The pull-tag system has worked very well for other projects at Saint Andrew. There is now a new bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall with items posted that would be greatly appreciated at the church. So rather than end up with six hammers and no screwdrivers, please check the list and pull the tag(s) of items that you are willing to contribute. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Nursery (0-3yrs.) - Sign up to help bless the youngest members of the church by volunteering to work in the Nursery during the 10:30 am Sunday worship service! A sign-up sheet will be located at the nursery starting September 8. The nursery will be staffed beginning September 15.

Children's Church (4yrs.-2nd grade) - On September 15 at 9:30 am, conversation will take place in the Chapel to share and hear ideas about a new opportunity to assist families with young children with an option for children during Sunday worship. Interested in joining the conversation? Please come and share your thoughts and creative ideas and get involved.

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.

Lay School of Ministry Classes

The Central Wisconsin School of Lay Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin will begin classes at SALC on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21. For more information, visit the website at www.wausaulayschool.org, or contact Jeanette Carlson at 715-848-2108, jeanette@bobs-electric.com.



Gifts Received

A memorial gift was received in July to SALC in memory of George Schoeder. Also received, were gifts in honor of Korts' and Walters' wedding anniversaries.

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.

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!

"STAYING CONNECTED"

Saint Andrew would like to "stay connected" with the 18-25 year old members as they transition and move forward to different areas in their life. Parents with young adults in this age group will receive a mailing requesting address information to update the SALC database for future contact with them. If you do not receive this mailing or would like to help with this new ministry please contact Shelby at shelby@salc-wausau.org.

COME AND LEARN!

Adult Bible Study - Begins September 8, 9:15 am Parish Room

The group utilizes the resource, *International Sunday School Lessons* and will start off with the Book of Genesis.

Adult Forum - Begins September 15, 9:15 am-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 using the book, *Baptized We Live* by Dan Erlander.

Adult Bible Study - Begins September 15 at 6:30 pm-Parish Room

A bible study focusing on the coming week's worship readings.

Reading Reflections - Tuesdays, 9:00 am-Parish Room

An ongoing book study. All are welcome!

PARKING LOT RENNOVATION AND MANY THANKS

Thanks to resourceful planning, allocated funds will be applied to resurfacing and maintaining a portion of the church parking lot. The property Ministry has been monitoring this project for many years, researched options and made a recommendation to replace the South parking lot and repair/seal coat the West lot. The work is scheduled to be done early in September. Additional work will be needed on other areas when funds are available.

You might also notice the landscaping has been redone along the South side of the building. A portion of the project was paid for with funds that had been set aside for this purpose and a portion was donated by Asset Maintenance which designed and completed the project and maintains the lawn. **Thanks** to Randy Springer for his generosity and to his crew for sweating it out one hot week last month to refresh the plantings.

Thanks to Dave Paizer and Al Brace for their work to trim trees, mulch the flower beds and spray weeds.

Thanks to Pete Reger, "Sprinkler Pete", for maintaining and fixing the sprinkling system that irrigates the lawn during these dry summer days.

Such efforts bring the following passage of scripture to mind, "I thank my God every time I remember you for your partnership in the gospel. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." PHILIPPIANS 1:3

2013-2014 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SALC

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

Thursday Education begins at 5:30 pm! Registration and information about Thursday sessions will take place from 5:30 pm to 6 pm. Parents, please attend this important evening with your children.

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.*

REGISTER FOR SAINT ANDREW SUNDAY SCHOOL! Open to youth Pre-K through 5th Grade.

To register:

1) Log on to <http://salc.sparksundayschool.org/users/register>

2) Create a free profile.

(Allows families to register and makes all lessons available for you plus notifications of events at church. This account is only for Sunday Church School)

3) To add children to your profile, click edit profile and follow directions.

Please complete before Rally Day on September 8th. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Matt, the Coordinator of Christian Education and assistance will be provided.

Please note: Separate registration forms are available for 6th grade classes as well as the 7th and 8th grade Sunday Discussion Group.

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 has been sent out to families with students in these grades in early August and will also be available at church. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the church office.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CORRECTIONS:

The **8th grade students will write their Faith Statements** in the Fall Semester of their Freshman year (2014) with Confirmation Sunday scheduled for ***Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 2 pm.***

The **7th grade confirmation retreat** will not be on September 7 as previously stated. ***A tentative date of October 5*** is currently scheduled. Please watch the Network and bulletin for further information.

SAVE THE DATES!

Acolyte Training	Sep. 22
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

2013 VBS SHOWS THEIR FAITH ALIVE!

Seventy-six youth in grades Pre-K through 6 were energized in their faith along with six counselors from Waypost Camp and many Saint Andrew volunteers during VBS week at Saint Andrew in July. There was a lot of fun, energy and learning happening during worship, singing, bible study, games, arts and crafts and snack. The participants shared their learning and fun camp songs during a closing worship with their families on Friday morning, followed by a picnic lunch and fellowship with other Saint Andrew families. Plans are already underway for VBS 2014! Mark your calendars for the same week next year, July 21-25, when our Waypost counselors will come back again to share their faith and fun with the Saint Andrew children.

SEPTEMBER

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 4	Team 4	Team 5	Team 5
Usher Team	Johnson	Shepherd	A	B	Brekke
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am Dewey Allen Craig Holmes (9:30 am)	Gale Wolff Shirley Bickford	Ray Skare Linda Vogen	Kaja Yirkovsky Jim Jordan	Jonnie Malm Courtney Grieser
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson Shirley Bickford & Billie Schmidt (9:30 am)	Brandon & Melissa Murphy Dick & Lynn Lawson	Duane & Sharlene Kreft Jeff & Pam Kyhos	John & Jan Mann Fred & Pat Fuchs	Marv & Joleen Meier Tom & Karen Weidman
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am Joel & Sara Widmann Craig & Marni Holmes (9:30 am)	Ray & Teresa Skare Amy Frolik	Bill & Doreen Radloff Craig & Marnie Holmes	Sid & Leslie Sorenson Greg & Jeanne Willems	Jim & Diane VanEyck Russell & Alice Van Skike

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Proverbs 25:6–7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 Luke 14:1, 7–14	Deuteronomy 30:15–20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1:1–21 Luke 14:25–33	Exodus 32:7–14 Psalm 51:1–10 1 Timothy 1:12–17 Luke 15:1–10	Amos 8:4–7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1–7 Luke 16:1–13	Amos 6:1a, 4–7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6–19 Luke 16:19–31

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:

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
William Wayne - August 25
Zavier Terry - August 29
Camden John - September 1
Samuel Kenneth - September 8

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
Jeff & Jen - November 30

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	Steve	Donna
Babs	Jerry	Susan	Bruce
Ben	John	Tammy	Carol
Brad	June	Tracy	Gin
Brianna	Kaylin	Tom	Katie
Callie and Zak	Laura	Ella	Curt
Connie	Marlee	Maddie	Christina & Brent
Dave	Mary	Bruce	Floyd & Bonita
Gary	Maryann	Pat	Joe
Irma	Nora	Maggie	Diane
Jackie	Renee	Shelly	DeDe
James, Henry & Elsie	Robin	Kathleen	Bruce
Jane	Rodney	Jim	Deb

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

September 2		<i>SALC office closed for Labor Day</i>
September 4		<i>Confirmation Parent Orientation—7th & 8th Grades</i>
September 4		<i>Confirmation Mentor Training</i>
September 5		<i>Thursday Church School Rally Day</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 10		<i>Church School Teacher Training</i>
September 11		<i>Confirmation Classes Begin—7th & 8th Grades</i>
September 22	9:15 am	<i>Acolyte Training</i>

Play Group

Interest is blossoming to reintroduce a former program at Saint Andrew! “Play Group” was created for parents with little ones who were not yet in pre-school to get together and socialize while the little ones played. Suggested time is 9:30-11:00 one or two week days each month. Please call the church office for more information or to express your interest in this new group.