

Network



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FACING LENT—*Pastor Jenn*

"As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament."

"Invitation to Lent" – Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Can you think back to the last time you received an invitation? What was your response? Whether it was invitation to dinner or to a wedding – the opportunities for responding are always the same. We either accept an invitation or we decline an invitation.

In the Ash Wednesday liturgy we are invited to accept an invitation to the discipline of Lent. The invitation before you is forty days of pondering and acknowledging that which leads you away from God. And likewise, forty days of pondering and acknowledging our utter reliance on God for life, healing, and wholeness. In the season of Lent, we are invited to disciplines that bring the cross back into focus before us.

Our theme this Lent is "Facing the Cross." *When the days drew near for him to leave this earth, Jesus "set his face" to Jerusalem to encounter the pain of the cross on our behalf (Luke 9:51).* Jesus willingly accepts the invitation to face the cross in order to show us that we are accepted, forgiven and loved. These 40 days, we will learn how facing even our most challenging experiences is made easier when we see them through the cross.

To support you in your Lenten journey, several opportunities to accept the invitation to Lent are before you. Including...

- * Establishing a pattern of regular worship on either Thursday or Sunday
- * Midweek Lenten worship services, soup and sandwich fellowship
- * Wednesday evening *Story Time*, a Lenten Journey for children (see p. 4 for details)
- * A new early morning worship opportunity: **Morning Prayer** (offered on Tuesdays, beginning March 11th. Start your day with 30 minutes of worship centered in scripture readings, quiet time for prayer, and a brief liturgy.)
- * Saving coins for *ELCA World Hunger* through a Counting Blessings Calendar included in last month's network and available at church (see p. 2 for details)
- * Reading through the New Testament using a reading plan (available at church)
- * A Lenten discipline of your own discerning or choosing

May the invitation to the discipline of Lent draw you into a time of reflection that challenges, forms, nourishes, and sustains your faith in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

Fellowship & Worship opportunities during Lent

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays in Lent, 7:15 am in the chapel

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays in Lent, 12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

Soup & Sandwich Fellowship

Wednesdays in Lent, after 12:15 pm worship and before and after 6:15 pm worship

Midweek Lenten Theme

Facing the Cross

Facing Our Sins - March 5

Facing Temptation - March 12

Facing Our Fears - March 19

Facing Our Worldliness - March 26

Facing One Another - April 2

Facing Suffering - April 9

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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OWLS Potluck

Tuesday, March 4, 11:30 am
 Enjoy a great potluck lunch then learn more about the Fair Trade products that are available for purchase the third Sunday of each month Presented by Ron and Lil Matheson. Please RSVP to joy at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 pm
 Come for a traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper where you can eat all you want before the season of Lent begins! Pancakes, maple syrup, sausage and beverages will be served. Proceeds will benefit 2014 VBS.
 Cost:
 \$5 - adults
 \$3 - children ages 5-12

Church Freezer Space

As the Lenten soup and sandwich meals approach, it's time to organize the freezer to make room for needed ingredients. Please make sure any items you have in the freezer are clearly marked. Any unmarked food will be used for soup or community supper as needed. Thank you!

Usher & Assisting in Worship Training

Sundays, March 9 & 16, between services
 Training for those who serve the servants in worship at Saint Andrew. For all *current and new* ushers, lay readers, communion servers, nursery volunteers, altar guild members or anyone interested in learning more about these roles.

LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH & COUNTING BLESSINGS CALENDAR

Soup and Sandwich fellowship will be after 12:15 pm worship and before and after 6:15 pm worship on Wednesdays beginning *March 12*. (Please note: the menu is subject to change). Cost: \$4-adults; \$2-children under 10; Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go- \$2/lb. A Cook's Choice, gluten-free and vegetarian soups will also be offered each week.

If you're interested in assisting with soup preparation, one soup or more one Wednesday or more - equipment, ingredients and guidance provided - please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

Lenten Soup Menu	<u>March 12</u> Chicken Noodle Unstuffed Green Pepper	<u>March 19</u> Corned Beef and Cabbage Cream of Turkey/Wild Rice	<u>March 26</u> Taco Pea	<u>April 2</u> Chili Cheesy Cauliflower	<u>April 9</u> Cheeseburger Turkey Chowder
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The Counting Blessings calendar that was included in last month's Network is an activity families can do together through the Lenten season to count blessings and, at the same time, increase awareness for those whose lives are challenged in uniquely different ways. The money collected will be received the week following Easter and given to ELCA World Hunger. (Additional copies of the Counting Blessings calendar are available on the information desk in the Narthex.)

SALC SPRING CLEAN-UP 2014 CHURCH COUNCIL

Plan to join in fellowship and care of Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Mark your calendar for Saturday, **April 12, 8:30 am-12:00 pm** to assist with cleaning up the grounds and a few projects inside as well. Alternate date in case spring isn't quite here is Saturday, April 26. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the information desk in the Narthex. More hands make light work – all are appreciated and welcome to join in the fun!

The following individuals will be serving as members of the church council and liaisons to the following Ministries for 2013. Please pray for their efforts as they work together to fulfill the mission and ministry at Saint Andrew.

Christian Education	Bill Best & DeDe Gnatz
Communications/Development	Brandon Murphy
Fellowship	Dan Malm
Finance/Stewardship	Mike Williams
Member Outreach	Mary Wittich
Personnel	Ed Wodalski
Property	Keith Rusch
Social Ministry	Russ Van Skike
Worship	Lenette Hoover

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **March 13 & 16** in support of the Malaria Campaign.

Fair Trade

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 16.**

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Listening with understanding!

A one day seminar sponsored by the Companion Synod/Global Mission Task Force of the East Central Synod to be held at Saint Andrew on **Saturday, April 26th from 8:30-4:30.** Call the office at 715 842-3333 to reserve a space for this event.

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

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

Current Food Pantry Needs

- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Rice (1 lb. bag)
- ◆ Mustard
- ◆ Mayonnaise
- ◆ Maple Syrup
- ◆ Tomato Sauce
- ◆ Saltine Crackers

Lost and Found

A number of items including spring/fall jackets, and a men's hat. Items are located on the coat rack at the Fellowship Hall entrance near the kitchen. Stop by and see if your missing item has been found!

SALC Treasure Sale

Mark your calendar for **early May** to bring in your gently used donations for the Treasure Sale. Watch the Network for more details.

Synod Assembly

Faith! Forming, Sharing, Living is the current 3-year assembly theme with the emphasis this year of "Sharing" for the upcoming assembly which also includes a Bishop Election. The assembly will be held on **May 16 and 17** in Green Bay and Saint Andrew is eligible to send six voting members. Contact the church office for more information.

**Women of the ELCA Spring Event**

Saturday, April 5, 8:00 am-12:30 pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wausau

All women of the Wisconsin River Valley Conference are invited to welcome Edwina Gateley, inspirational speaker, as she presents "Women Called to Connect, Bond and Heal In a Broken World". She will explore how God as lover and healer invites us to new possibilities and to believe in our potential to make a difference in our world. Brunch is included for a cost of \$12. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to register.

Stewardship Workshop Event-"SHIFTING FROM SUCCESS TO SIGNIFICANCE"

What brings you Joy? Asking the question has led to the discovery that the old adage that says, "Money can't make you happy" is simply not true. Money *can* make you happy, but only when you *give it away*. A Sunday afternoon workshop will be held on **March 9 at 2pm at Saint Andrew**. Pastor Larry Westfield, a gift planner through the ELCA Foundation will be available to lead conversation about ways to explore the growing desire in the hearts of young and old to find ways to be *productive* not just *profitable*. While the drive to be *successful* may propel people in the early years of life at some point we all begin seeking *significance*. Augustine said that asking yourself the question of your own legacy - What do I wish to be remembered for? - is the beginning of adulthood. What brings you joy? Together we will consider how thoughtful legacy planning may add joy to your life. Make plans to attend this one-hour workshop and learn how rewarding it can be to refocus life choices from success to significance.

Workshops-"STRATEGIZE TO MAXIMIZE", MARCH 19; "RETIRE WITH CONFIDENCE", APRIL 9

On two Wednesdays during lent following evening worship at Saint Andrew, local representatives from Thrivent Financial will provide guidance, sort through your questions and help ensure the choices you make regarding Social Security Benefits and Retirement are tailored to your needs. RSVP on the sign-up sheet located on the information desk in the Narthex.

STORY TIME: A LENTEN JOURNEY FOR CHILDREN

Wednesdays in Lent, 5:50—6:10 pm Parents and Children of all ages are invited to attend a special “Story Time” on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Children will learn the story of Jesus’ journey to the cross through the sharing of a brief story and a special activity that will integrate their learning. Come for soup, hear the story, and stay for worship at 6:15!

THURSDAY KIDS CAMP SCHEDULE CHANGE

Wednesday Lenten story time will take the place of Thursday kids camp in Lent. Our last regularly scheduled Thursday kids camp will take place on February 27th. Kids Camp will resume as scheduled on April 24th and will conclude for the year on Thursday, May 15th.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE IN LENT

The Lenten schedule will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 5th with worship at 6:15. Families are encouraged to attend lent worship together at 6:15 and students will soon receive a schedule indicating when their small group will help with soup and sandwich set-up and clean-up. Confirmation students are expected to complete worship notes each Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN ED UPCOMING DATES

March

Tuesday	4	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday	5	No Confirmation
March 6-April 17		No Thursday Kids Camp
Sunday	16	First Communion Class-5th Grade
Sunday	23	First Communion Class-5th Grade
Sunday	30	No First Communion Class-5th Grade

April

Sunday	6	First Communion Class-5th Grade
Sunday	13 2 pm	First Communion Worship
Sunday	20	Easter-No Sunday School

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Who: Confirmation Students completing 7th grade this year.
Where: Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley
When: **June 15-20**
Registration forms have been mailed to families of confirmation students. Please complete the forms and return them to Saint Andrew with the \$195 camp fee by **Sunday March 2**.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

5th Grade (or older) students and parents
A mailing will go out soon with more information for 5th grade students and their parents. If you do not receive this mailing and wish to, please contact the church office.



Classes—March 16, 23 & April 6, 4 pm
First Communion Worship—April 13, 2pm

PLAY GROUP AT SALC

Thursday, March 6, 10-11 am

Bring your children who are not yet in pre-school to the SALC nursery for conversation, fellowship and a time for playing. You are welcome to join the group on the **first Thursday** of each month. This is a chance to meet other parents at Saint Andrew as well as have your children make new friends. Invite a friend!

SUMMER BIKE TRIP - JULY 27-AUGUST 2

Please note the Summer Bike Trip has been re-scheduled for July 27-August 2. All who have finished 8th grade and older are welcome to participate. The next planning meeting is **Sunday, March 9 at 11:30 am**. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



MARCH

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2	Team 3	Team 3	Team 4
Usher Team	Brekke	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	A
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am Marv Meier Dewey Allen	Diane Goetsch Shelby Niskanen	Julie Spalding James Jordan	Joleen Meier Cheryl Allen	Matt Seegert Susan Paisar
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am Larry & Annette Bindl Dave & Sue Paisar	Chuck & Kelly Kubisiak Susie & Ashley Soukup	Jim Jacobson & John Barnett Ron & Diane Rasmussen	Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson Billy Schmidt & Mary Wittich	Tom & Karen Weidman Jerry & Marlene Kort
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am Cal & Susan Tobin Mary Wittich & Deb Bradshaw	Jim & Diane VanEyck Adam & Kathy Wurz	Joel & Sara Widmann Roger & Ruth Poutnen	Dave & Maggie Mueller Doug & Marilyn Olson	Steve & Kay Sitko Craig & Marnie Holmes

Wednesdays in Lent

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Usher Team	B	B	B	B

LECTIONARY READINGS

March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

A BAPTISM PRAYER

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:

Oliver Matthew - December 22
 Connor Craig - December 25
 Brynlea Mary - December 29
 Brieleigh Sommers - December 29

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Robert & Susan - December 7
 Patrick & Cindy - December 26
 Scott & Tiffany - March 29
 Chris & Bebe - May 17
 Dale & Tammy - May 31

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	James, Henry & Elsie	Shelly	Julie
Babs	Jeff	Kathleen	Amy
Barb	Luke	Jim	Max
Brianna	Quinn	Katie	Matt, Britt, Anna & Seth
Bryon, Kelly & Jackson	Renee	Joe	Phil
Callie and Zak	Robin	Diane	Jean
Charles	Roland	Bruce	
Chuck	Sabrina	Deb	
Dennis	Susan	Chris & Cassandra	
Dorothy	Tom	Robert	
Gary	Ella	Clayton	
Irma B.	Maggie	Bryan	

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

March 4	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck Lunch
March 4	5:00-6:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 5	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
March 9	2 pm	Stewardship Workshop Event
March 12, 19, 26		Lent Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
March 16	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
March 19	7:00 pm	"Strategize to Maximize" Workshop
March 23	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
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April 2 & 9		Lent Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
April 6	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
April 9	7:00 pm	"Retire with Confidence" Workshop
April 12	8:30 am	SALC Spring Clean-Up
April 13	8:00 & 10:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship
April 13	2:00 pm	First Communion Worship
April 17	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 18	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Good Friday Worship
April 20	6 am	Easter Sunday Worship on Rib Mountain
April 20	8, 9:30, 11 am	Easter Sunday Worship at SALC
April 26	8:30 am	"Blessed Are the Peacemakers" Seminar



Snow Policy

If school is cancelled, Saint Andrew classes & meetings will be also. Listen to local radio stations, check the SALC website or Facebook page, or News Channels 7 & 9 websites for the list of school closings.