

Network



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Reflections by Pastor Craig

This is an exciting time of the year! The daylight hours are growing longer, the snow piles are beginning to melt and the air warms as the angle between the sun and the earth shifts further north. It is a transformational and exciting time of the year as we anticipate signs of new life birthing from the womb and the earth. Even with the remaining spurts of winter's cold, spring is certainly upon us. It has been a challenging winter for many people and recent days of temperatures above freezing lift our spirits and brighten our days. The gloom of winter is waning and spring is coming.

Alleluia!

This is an exciting time in the life of the church as well. We symbolically have hidden/buried the Alleluia proclamation from our liturgy and replaced it with the phrase that reminds us to *"return to the Lord our God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love"*. Through Lent we refocus our lives on the cross and are drawn deeply into the transforming message that brings hope in the darkness and life in the face of death. Just as we cannot hide from the darkness nor walk away from the shadows of winter, so we do not hide from the message of Lent. We face our journey through the cross and as a result, we are strengthened and encouraged in our weakness and our joy is restored as we are drawn closer to the Son and his redeeming power through death and resurrection.

Easter is coming, indeed, it is already here and the signs of life are all around us. Even though we intentionally reflect on the passion of our Lord and the shadow of the cross in this season of Lent, we are at the same time renewed in our faith and we face life's challenges, not with fear or worry, but with confident hope knowing that death did not have the last word for Jesus and therefore, it will not be our defining identity either. Saint Paul reminds us that we are united with Christ through our baptism and just as he was lifted up, so will we rise in order to live full and abundant lives. Spring is coming. Easter is coming. We are excited to step forward and into the light of the sun/Son and the life that is renewed around us as we anticipate the hopeful and joyous chorus, ***"Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!!!"***

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



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13

8:00 & 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17

12:15 & 6:15 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18

12:15 & 6:15 pm

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 20

Alleluia!

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE: 6:00 am—*On Top of Rib Mountain (Please bring a chair)*

EASTER SERVICES AT SAINT ANDREW: 8:00 — 9:30 — 11:00 am

EASTER BREAKFAST: 7:00-9:30 am *at Saint Andrew*

Eggs, ham, muffins, coffee cake, fresh fruit and beverages. Generous donations welcomed! Donations received will support the summer VBS program.

****Volunteers are needed to help with Easter Breakfast. Please sign up at the information desk in the Narthex or call the church office.***



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Baptism Orientation

Sunday, April 6, 9:30 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.

OWLS Potluck

Tuesday, April 1, 11:30 am

Enjoy a great potluck lunch then learn how to attract the spring and summer birds (yes, they will come back!) as Lori Schubring, Wildbirds Unlimited owner, shares her expertise.



Noisy Offering

Coins saved by participating in the "Counting Blessings Through Lent" activity will be received during worship on **April 24 & 27**. Donations will benefit ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Fair Trade

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, April 27**.

Quilt Kits and School Bag Kits

If you can sew a straight line, you can help make quilts and school bags for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Kits are available in the kiosk in the Narthex. Pick one up, take it home, make the quilt or school bag, bring it back to church and place it back in the kiosk.

LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH

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

Soup Menu for the Remainder of Lent

<u>March 26</u>	<u>April 2</u>	<u>April 9</u>
Taco	Chili	Cheeseburger
Pea	Cheesy Cauliflower	Turkey Chowder

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths and Easter Lilies can be ordered for \$16 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order by phone by calling the church office at 715-842-3333 or complete a form available on the information desk in the Narthex. Order deadline is *Monday, April 7*.



EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Saturday, April 12, 10 am

If you would like to volunteer to help assemble Easter food baskets or if you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

SALC SPRING CLEAN-UP SALC Treasure Sale

Plan to join in fellowship and care of Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Mark your calendar for Saturday, **April 26, 8:30 am-12:00 pm** to assist with cleaning up the grounds and a few projects inside as well. 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!

Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3
Bring your "treasures" from spring cleaning to church. Donated items should be in good working order and in very good condition. Leftover items will be donated after the sale. The following items will not be accepted: *computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances and tread mills*. To volunteer, please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

FAIR TRADE NEWS

An order of fair trade chocolate, coffee and tea has arrived. Included is a dark (71%) chocolate with a hint of caramel crunch with a taste similar to the 41% chocolate bars we have offered for some time. Ron and Lil Mathsen are now leading the Fair Trade project. Thank you Billie for your dedication and years of service. Please check out the new products we have to offer.

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.

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.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial gifts were
received in memory of
Steve Kolbeck, Ben Kregel
and Irma Koenig.

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.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED AND UPCOMING ORIENTATION

In February, Saint Andrew was blessed to have 15 **new members received** into its faith family:

Bill and LaVonne Duernberger, Pat Glinksi, Lynn Miller, Sheri Norton, Adam, Marlene, Ella and Tate Roberts, Margo and Jackson Smith, Michael and Laura Steingraber & Joel and Kris Zeller. Welcome to Saint Andrew!

The next **New Member Orientation** will be held on both **Sundays, May 11 & 18**. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on May 18. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to express your intent.

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.

SALC Endowment News

Thanks to a recent generous gift of \$5,000, the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund is on its way to supporting future mission work of the church. While we hope there are other gifts that will soon be added, this is a good start toward allowing us to offer grant disbursements from the fund for expanded ministry opportunities through Saint Andrew. From a recent questionnaire, we learned that of 118 responses, 71 people admitted to having a will. While 13 people said they have remembered ministries of Saint Andrew in their will, 51 said they would consider doing so! This information indicates there is great potential for this fund to expand in the near future. In order to assist with this expansion, the SALC website now has a link to the Endowment Fund following the Ministries/Stewardship tabs. Here you can find an Information Page, Grant Application and a Statement of Intent. Applications will be considered after the fund reaches \$25,000 and intent documents can be filled out and sent to the church at any time to express future intentions to support the work of Christ's church through an endowed gift. If you would like to learn more about ways to participate in this program, please contact the church office to arrange a conversation with one of the committee members about creative ways to extend your support beyond your current giving.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE & EXPECTATIONS

Families are encouraged to attend lent worship together at 6:15 pm. Confirmation students are expected to complete worship notes each Wednesday evening, with record of 12 worship notes, and a self-learning project. These are due by April 16 and can be placed in the box on the information desk. Students can check the binder on the information desk for any material that was submitted. Looking ahead: There are still several spaces available for confirmation camp (June 15-20). Current 8th Grade students will return in the fall of 2014 to write faith statements and affirm their baptism at a special 2 pm worship on Reformation Sunday, October 26.

THANK YOU...

...to all who attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and in doing so, supported the upcoming VBS program (Vacation Bible School). A special thank you to IHOP, who donated the pancake batter, the Saint Andrew Dart Ball team for preparing the delicious meal and to the youth and families who participated with serving and clean-up.

...from the Fellowship Ministry to those who attended, shared desserts and performed in the Variety Show. There were over 125 in attendance, sharing over 40 desserts and enjoying 14 different acts.

One act is already signed up for next year as well as some excellent suggestions to enhance the evening. Yes, there will be a stage next year so the audience will be able to see the participants. If you have other ideas or suggestions for this or other events please contact or join us at a Fellowship Ministry meeting.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

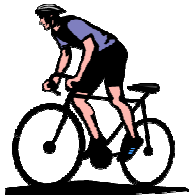
We celebrate with 37 students and their families who will receive communion for the first time on April 13 at a special 2 pm worship! Pie fellowship will follow!

THURSDAY KIDS CAMP RESUMES

Thursday Kids Camp will resume following Easter, April 24, and run through May 15. Parent help will be needed to make these evenings a success.

BIKE TRIP

The summer bike trip is shaping up. We have a plan for the week (some riding, some canoeing, some swimming, some hiking) and we know an estimated cost (\$225, including meals and travel). What we need are participants. Any youth entering or presently in high school are welcome to participate. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Pastor Craig and be added to the list. The trip will be touring trails in Wisconsin the week of **July 27-August 2**. Please consider this event and register now along with a **\$100 deposit** made payable to *Saint Andrew* designating *bike trip* on the memo line.



CHRISTIAN ED UPCOMING DATES

March

Sunday	23	First Communion Class-5th Grade
Sunday	30	No First Communion Class

April

Sunday	6	First Communion Class-5th Grade
Sunday	13	First Communion Worship - 2 pm
Thursday	17	No Kids Camp
Sunday	20	Easter-No Sunday School

May

Thursday	15	Last Kids Camp Class
Sunday	18	Last Day of Sunday School/ VBS Kickoff!

PLAY GROUP AT SALC

Thursday, April 3, 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!

APRIL

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

April 27

April 20– Easter

April 13

April 6

Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 5	Team 5	Team 6
Usher Team	Brekke	Weidman	6:00 am B 8:00 am Brekke 9:30 am Weidman 11:00 am Johnson	Shepherd
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am Sean McCarthy Jayne Germinaro	Michael Spalding Marilyn Olson	8:00 am Paul Nelson 9:30 am Ray Skare 11:00 am Kaja Yirkovsky	Faith Martinson Lynn Lawson
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am Vern & Patsy Matushak George & Bonnie Alafouzios	Marv & Joleen Meier Pat & Fred Fuchs	8:00 am Jim Jacobson & Jim Jordan 9:30 am Jeff & Pam Kyhos 11:00 am John & Jayme Rusinek	Duane & Sharlene Kreft Bill & Lucy Harvey
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am Sheldon & Connie Geiger George & Bonnie Alafouzios	Eric & Jamie Hane Terry & June Grabau	Easter Breakfast	Dick & Mary Jarvis Russ & Alice Van Skike

Wednesdays

in Lent

Holy

Week

April 13, 2 pm

First Communion

April 17

Maundy Thursday

April 18

Good Friday

Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Usher Team	B	B

Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Usher Team	Johnson	Shepherd
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LECTIONARY READINGS

April 6

April 13

April 20

April 27

Ezekiel 37:1–14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6–11 John 11:1–45	Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Matthew 26:14–27:66	Acts 10:34–43 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 Colossians 3:1–4 Matthew 28:1–10	Acts 2:14a, 22–32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3–9 John 20:19–31
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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:

Hazel Lynn - February 27
Andrena Joy - March 13
Hannah Sarah-Marie - April 27

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Scott & Tiffany - March 29
Chris & Bebe - May 17
Dale & Tammy - May 31
Cody & Sabrina - June 7
Matt & Becky - June 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...

Ali	Gene	Roland	Deb
Babs	Irma B.	Sabrina	Chris & Cassandra
Barb	James, Henry & Elsie	Susan	Robert
Brianna	Jeff	Tom	Clayton
Bryon, Kelly & Jackson	Jennette	Ella	Bryan
Callie and Zak	John	Maggie	Amy
Chuck	Julie	Kathleen	Jean
Dennis	Quinn	Jim	Zerin
Dorothy	Renee T	Katie	
Felicia	Renee W.	Diane	
Gary	Robin	Bruce	

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

April 2 & 9		Lent Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
April 6	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
April 8	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck
April 9	7:00 pm	"Retire with Confidence" Workshop
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
April 26	8:30 am	SALC Spring Clean-Up
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May 2 & 3		SALC Treasure Sale
May 11 & 18		New Member Orientation
May 15		Last Kids Camp class
May 16 & 17		Synod Assembly in Green Bay
May 18		Last Day of Sunday School/VBS Kick-off
May 25	8 & 9:30 am	Summer Worship Times Begin
May 26		Memorial Day - Church Office Closed



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.