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Reflections by Pastor Jenn

When Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit onto his disciples and says to them, "Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you," he connects the disciples with the mission of sharing the good news (John 20:21). The resurrection was the catalyst that turned the gathered ones into the ones who are sent.

Likewise, the message of Easter connects us to the mission of God. A former pastor of mine once suggested that all churches ought to have revolving doors installed in the back of their sanctuary to remind people that we are not consumers when it comes to church, but rather, we are a part of a constant flow of those who gather and are sent.

When we gather for worship, when we connect and build relationships, when we are saturated with the language of faith, we are filled with forgiveness and love and then nourished and refreshed, we are sent by the Holy Spirit to serve. In the pattern of gathering and sending, we become the risen body of Christ in the world.

That's one of the many reasons quilts hang on the walls at church. People gather on Tuesdays to sew and put together quilts that are then sent either locally, or around the globe through Lutheran World Relief to bring comfort. Because people are gathered and sent, we have communion bread for worship—faithful folks spend time in their kitchen baking and forming the loaves so that they may be shared with the body of Christ.

This gathering and sending compels people to serve on ministries or bring in food for the food baskets that are distributed to those in need. This gathering and sending is one of the reasons we will walk with Matt Seegert, who finishes his time with us at Saint Andrew in order to attend seminary.

This gathering and sending connects people from the reaches of our community together with one another in ways that connect us to the mission of God in our daily lives. We are indeed the body of Christ, risen and sent, at work in the world. Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

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 Important Dates to Note

May

15	Thursday	Last night of Kids Camp
18	Sunday	Last day of Sunday School, Teacher Appreciation and VBS kick-off!!

June

15-20	Sunday-Friday	Confirmation Camp
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August

4-8	Monday-Friday	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
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**Mark your calendars:
Beginning Sunday May 25,
summer worship
times will be
8:00 and 9:30 am**

OWLS on Safari!

Tuesday, May 6, 11:30 am

Join the OWLS for a potluck lunch then enjoy a presentation by Jim and Diane VanEycke as they share stories and images from their recent experience on an African safari!



New Member Orientation

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 by Friday, May 2 to express your intent.

Noisy Offering

A noisy offering will be received during worship on **May 15 & 18**. Donations will benefit our sister congregation in Zeerust South Africa. They anticipate moving into their new sanctuary in June!

Fair Trade

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, May 18**.

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 at the Information Desk in the Narthex. Pick one up, take it home, make the quilt or school bag, bring it back and place it in the "Completed" drawer on the back side of the Information Desk.

SALC TREASURE SALE

Friday, May 2, 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Saturday, May 3, 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Bring your "treasures" from spring cleaning to the church, beginning Sunday, April 27. Donated items should be in good working order and in very good condition. Remaining 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 to help with this event, please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

SOUP AND SANDWICH THANK YOU

Social Ministry would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped with this year's "Lenten Soup and Sandwich" meals. From this event, generous donations were received allowing Social Ministry to fill food baskets throughout the year, as well as host community dinners to help those in need. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this a successful ministry event. Social Ministry would like to express their gratitude to all the Soup and Sandwich volunteers with a **"thank you brunch" on Wednesday, April 30, 10:00 am in the Activity Room**. Please RSVP if you are able to attend at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.

FROM THE LIBRARY

In order to provide resources that prompt discussion, the Saint Andrew Library Committee serves to offer books for readers of all ages to challenge, inspire and deepen faith related conversations. The Saint Andrew Library neither endorses nor restricts resources based on particular themes or authors allowing readers to experience differing perspectives on matters of faith and life. Recent additions to the library include, "If God is Love" by P. Gulley and J. Mulholland; "Farewell, Rob Bell: A Biblical Response to Love Wins" by Larry Dixon; "Christ Alone: An Evangelical Response to *Love Wins*" by Michael Wittmer. Feel free to browse the new additions to the Saint Andrew Library where you'll find these and other resources that may interest you.

PLAY GROUP AT SALC

Thursday, May 1, 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!

CROP Walk

Get your walking shoes broken in over the summer and watch for details in future Networks and bulletins about this fall's CROP Walk event! Starting early means being able to make an even greater impact for the sake of addressing World Hunger.

**Food Pantry Needs**

The following items are currently needed in the SALC food pantry:

- Mayonnaise
- Juice
- Frosting
- Diced tomatoes

Items can be placed in the baskets at the building entrances. Thank you!

Ministry Night

Tuesday, May 13
All are welcome to participate in the ministry of their choice. Come and see how your time and talent can help serve in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Steve Kolbeck.

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.

PUTTING YOUR WISHES IN WRITING

Without warning, life can change dramatically and can happen at any age. This is why it is important to plan ahead for a health care crisis.

A program on planning for future health care choices will be offered **Sunday, May 4, at 6:30 pm at Saint Andrew**. Margie Hackbarth from Aspirus will explain the process that involves the complex and sensitive issues of the thinking, planning and then communicating to our loved ones details that are important in advance of significant healthcare decisions.

During this hour-long program, Margie will cover Advance Directives and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. A time for discussion will follow, and for those interested, Margie will walk through the forms needed to complete your advance directive. Healthcare providers strongly recommend each person have this document on file.

Margie, is a certified First Steps Facilitator for Respecting Choices, an Advance Care Planning model used by many health systems.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Desk in the narthex to assist in planning for the event. As with all Saint Andrew events, this presentation is open to anyone who wishes to attend to learn more about healthcare decisions. A nursery will be provided.

Watch for the following stewardship topics that are being planned for this fall:

Why do I need a will?

What happens to your assets (including your children) when you don't have a will?

Who will execute my Will/Trust when I die?

Learn about the Durable Power of Attorney Finance.

How does the SALC Endowment Program Work?

Learn the different ways you can contribute to this fund.

Nursing Home Knowledge

Admission, Cost vs. Care, Insurance, etc.

Final Expenses

Funerals vs. Cremation, Options vs. Cost, Children vs. Adults.

Family Financial Planning & Budgeting

Learn how to control your expenses and work your way out of debt.

Stew News

Stew (many of you may remember this character who is passionate about stewardship) shares a few words about coming events that many will find informative and beneficial.

Being prepared is part of our mission to plan for future decisions. After a long winter, it is time to consider another season of activities that does not include scarves and mittens! In addition to the plans you are making, check out the ones on this page that are being planned through Saint Andrew to help us learn more about preparing for important life events.

Thank You—God’s Blessings—Applications Encouraged!

As the school year comes to a close, we give thanks for the many volunteers who helped in a variety of ways through the confirmation and Sunday school educational opportunities this year. A special recognition will take place on **Sunday, May 18** to express thanks to teachers, helpers, mentors and other volunteers for sharing their faith, time and talent with the youth and children of Saint Andrew. If you have helped in any way, please plan to attend worship during either of Sunday services and share in the time between services with some cake and refreshments. For all you have and continue to do on behalf of Christ, **Thank you!**

Additionally, we express thanks to Matt Seegert who has served as the Coordinator of Christian Education for the past 2 years at Saint Andrew. Matt has been accepted as a student at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa and will conclude his time with us in May, be married in June and begin classes this fall on his journey toward ordained ministry. We pray **God’s blessings** upon Matt and look forward to following his exciting journey as he and his wife, Becky, transition into a new adventure of life together.

Along with this transition comes an **opening for a Coordinator of Youth and Family Education**. A job description along with an application will be available from the church office and posted on the Saint Andrew website. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, please complete an application form and submit it along with a resume to the church office by **May 20**.

“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.” - Proverbs 22:6

BIKE TRIP

The following is the itinerary for the summer bike trip, for the week of July 27-August 2.

July 27 - Depart from Saint Andrew at 1 pm

Arrive at Sparta and take a warm up ride in late afternoon to ensure equipment and riders are ready for a week of riding.

July 28 - 44 mile ride

July 29 - 28 mile ride and an afternoon swim at the Elroy pool

July 30 - Break from riding—canoeing or kayaking on the Kickapoo River

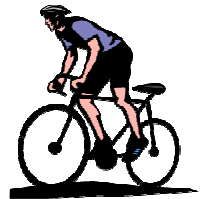
July 31 - 30 mile ride

August 1 - 34 mile ride and a swim at the Wilton pool

August 2 - Hike or geocache at Wildcat Mountain State Park

A big THANK YOU to Lucy Harvey for putting together this exciting adventure. Since we will be on riding trails, all that is needed is a comfortable bicycle. This is not a race but an adventure. We plan to take our time and do a good bit of exploring in the local areas. This is intended to be a sample experience and is attainable for most able bodied people. Pastor Craig is willing to lead a few rides prior to the trip to help us prepare for the week in the saddle. Two-hour long rides will be Saturdays, **May 31, June 14 and June 28**, starting at the SALC parking lot at 9 am.

If you have not yet considered signing up for this trip, **PLEASE DO SO!**



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:

Andrena Joy - March 13
 Hannah Sarah-Marie - April 27
 Cameron Robert-Marie - May 4
 Anders John - June 8

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	Jackie	Robin	Bruce
Babs	James, Henry & Elsie	Roland	Deb
Barb	Jeff	Ruth	Chris & Cassandra
Bev	Jennette	Sabrina	Robert
Brianna	Jennifer	Susan	Clayton
Bryon, Kelly & Jackson	Jerry	Theresa	Bryan
Callie and Zak	John	Tom	Amy
Chuck	Julie	Tyler	Jean
Connie	Kevin	Zerin	Carrie
Dennis	Michael	Ella	Marty
Dorothy	Mike and Sandy	Maggie	Jon
Felicia	Patricia	Kathleen	Ruth
Gary	Quinn	Jim	Gerald
Gene	Renee T	Katie	Terry
Irma B.	Renee W.	Diane	

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

May 1	10:00 am	Play Group
May 2	8:30 am-5:30 pm	SALC Treasure Sale
May 3	8:30 am-12:00 pm	SALC Treasure Sale
May 4	6:30 pm	Putting Your Wishes in Writing Program
May 6	11:30 am	OWLS On Safari!
May 11 & 18	9:15 am	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	8:00 & 9:30 am	Summer Worship Times Begin
May 26		Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
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June 3		OWLS Group
June 15-20		Confirmation Camp at Waypost Camp