

# Network



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*Reflections by Pastor Jenn*

I could feel the heat of the sun on the top of my head as I was driving this afternoon with my moon roof open. The comforting warmth of the sun was a welcome gift that prompted gratitude to God for the return of spring in full force. *Doesn't 72 degrees and sunshine just feel so good?!?!?*

It's like we all took one big exhale from the intensity of winter while breathing in the renewed life that comes from sitting outside, spending time playing, watching the game, taking time for the lake and the cottage, going for hikes and rolling down the windows. Simply put, it feels like resurrection and new life!

The warmth on my head also led me to think about the day of Pentecost. This is the day when Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of the church as told in Acts 2. We will celebrate this story in worship on Thursday, June 5 and Sunday, June 8. On the festival day of Pentecost, the 50th day after the resurrection, the Holy Spirit was poured on the disciples and those who were gathered with them in a violent wind, with tongues of fire resting on their heads. Filled with joy from the Holy Spirit, the new Christians went out in the world to witness to the power of the resurrection.

On May 16 and 17, Pastor Craig, Pastor Jeff, and I, as well as several others from Saint Andrew, went to participate in the life of our larger, regional church at the assembly of the *East Central Synod of Wisconsin*.

Together we heard reports from across our region about the good work that we can do when we work together. Although our contributions to the larger church for efforts such as ELCA disaster response and the ELCA hunger appeal, may seem small - when partnered with all the other ELCA congregations in our area and in our nation, the impact is greatly expanded. As one Christian church, committed to sharing the power of the resurrection with the world, the Holy Spirit has taken our gifts and expanded them through our work together.

To the outside person, we probably looked like just a bunch of every day people, sitting around tables at a conference center—but on Saturday, May 17—we were the church together, discerning the call of the Holy Spirit as we voted for the Reverend Gerald Mansholt to serve as the next bishop of our synod. Bishop Mansholt comes to us from the Central States Synod (Kansas and Missouri) where he served two 6-year terms as bishop. We are excited to welcome him as a leader among us and we pray that God's Spirit would guide his leadership.

We are the church together. As summer sends you away to visit with family and to take time for rest and play, what are ways in which you can share the new life of the resurrection among those with which you gather? Thanks be to God for new life!

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 25—August 31**  
**8:00 and 9:30 am**  
**Thursday Worship All Year**  
**12:15 and 6:15 pm**

Wear the color **red** to worship on  
Thursday, June 5  
Sunday, June 8  
as we celebrate the day of  
**PENTECOST!**



### Welcome New Members

Saint Andrew is blessed to have several new members received into its faith family:

*Heidi, Griffin and Randi  
Guenther*

*Sarah Gwidt*

*Ross Lyon*

*Jesse Ladwig*

*Mike Zenner and Jean  
Voigt- Zenner*

Welcome to Saint Andrew!

### Baptism Orientation

*Sunday, June 1, 10:30 am*

Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

### "Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The 2014 third quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy.

### OWLS Outing

*Tuesday, June 3, 11:30 am*

Join the OWLS as they venture out to enjoy lunch at The Mandarin Restaurant in Downtown Wausau and then continue on to view the exhibits at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum. Please meet at The Mandarin Restaurant at 11:30 am.



### Noisy Offering

A noisy offering will be received during worship on **June 12 & 15**. Donations will once again benefit our sister congregation in Zeerust South Africa as 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, June 15**.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

*Sunday, June 15*

You are invited to an ice cream social following the second service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be various toppings to choose from and an ice cream trough for the kids to belly up to!

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Property Ministry would like to thank Randy Springer and his crew for assistance in cleaning the church grounds as well as all those who participated in the roadside and outdoor spring clean-up held Saturday, April 26. With the snow finally gone, it is great to have the church grounds clean and ready for summer!

## GOLF OUTING

*Saturday, July 19, 8 am*

*Rib Mountain Golf Course*

The fun begins with a shot-gun start and continues with a 9-hole scramble including prizes for special hole events (longest putt, closest to the hole, etc).

Register your foursome or be a part of a "potluck" team. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall or call the office. The \$20 fee includes golfing and a cart.

***All are welcome to join in the fun!***



## FAIR TRADE NEWS

For the warmer months of the summer, May through August, there is a surcharge for shipping chocolate. SALC has an adequate supply and variety of chocolate bars for those who love the quality of chocolate from Equal Exchange. Stop in the Fellowship Hall on the third Sunday of each month to get your supply of chocolate, coffee and tea. When you buy Fair Trade items you help the communities raising the raw products by giving them above market prices. The money goes back to the cooperatives and is used to for improvements in schools, health clinics and other things that make life safer and more enjoyable for the members of producer cooperatives. Actually, you are doing the work of angels when you purchase these products.

## PLAY GROUP AT SALC

***Thursday, June 5, 10-11 am***

Bring your children who are not yet in pre-school for conversation, fellowship and a time for playing. You are welcome to join the group on the **first Thursday** of each month. For the summer months, please call the church prior to coming to Play Group in the event the location has changed to a local park or other summer fun spot. This is a chance to meet other parents at Saint Andrew as well as have your children make new friends. Invite a friend!

### 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.

### Treasure Sale Thank You

Thank you to all who donated, set up, worked and shopped at the annual Treasure Sale. All proceeds are very much appreciated and will benefit VBS (Vacation Bible School) this summer!

### Ministry Night

Tuesday, June 10

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.

### CROP Walk

Sunday, October 6, 12 pm

The Wausau Area CROP Hunger Walk will begin at the Marathon Park Bandshell. Funds raised by walkers will be directed to CWS to help fight hunger locally, nationally and globally. Watch the July Network to learn about CWS!



## Christian Education Important Dates to Note

June 15-20 Confirmation Camp

August 4-8 Vacation Bible School (VBS)

September 7 Rally Sunday

Thursday Kids Camp will not resume

September 3

September 10

October 26

Confirmation Parent Orientation-7th/8th Grades

Confirmation Classes Begin-7th/8th Grades

Confirmation Worship-9th Grades

## BIKE TRIP—A SUMMER TRIP FOR YOUTH (AND ADULTS, TOO!)



Hi there. Pastor Jenn, here. Each morning on my drive in, I take notice of the bike path on Hwy. R. Oftentimes I'll see people riding their bikes to work. In truth, I'm not a bike rider. But it looks like great fun, so my goal this summer is to become a bike rider once again. While I'm not able to attend the bike trip, from conversations with Pastor Craig, I had the sense that even if I was a new bike rider, or someone who rides their bike all the time, I would still fit in with the group that is hoping to hit the trails this summer. In short, don't let your experience or inexperience hinder

you from this incredible opportunity!

If you are looking for a week together thinking about faith and spending time in creation, I hope you'll consider joining Pastor Craig and others on a week long bike trip. It's more than exercise and time in the sun. It's time thinking about the ways in which God travels with us on the road as we go together. **We are especially in need of interested youth (Finishing 8th grade through finishing 12th grade)!**

To add your name to the list, call the church office at 715-842-3333 or e-mail Pastor Craig, [pastorcraig@salc-wausau.org](mailto:pastorcraig@salc-wausau.org). **The trip will take place from July 27 to August 2. An initial deposit of \$100 will hold your place.** The estimated cost for the trip is \$225 which covers all expenses.

**Can't make the trip or want to test your biking abilities first?** Pastor Craig will lead a few rides prior to the trip to help 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.

### Stew News

"Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!" - Isaiah 55:1



Stewardship is about taking good care of the resources God has given us. One of those resources is YOU! Have you considered making goals to increase your wellbeing this summer? **It's true that physical and spiritual wellbeing are connected.** The summer is a great time to think about ways to increase your physical wellbeing. A small change you can make is drinking enough water every day. According to Mayo Clinic, "an adequate intake for men is roughly 3 liters (about 13 cups) and for women, 2.2 liters (about 9 cups)." So pack a water bottle to take with you tomorrow! It may just help you remember your baptism, too!

(Source: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-living/nutrition-and-healthy-eating/in-depth/water/art-20044256>)

## Vacation Bible School (VBS) at SALC-*"Camp God's Time"*

**Monday-Thursday, August 4-7, 9:00 am-3:30 pm and Friday, August 8, 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Pre-K: 9:00 am-12:00 pm each day**

**You are invited to participate** in this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). Saint Andrew will again partner with Crossways Camping Ministries to provide an amazing experience for the youth at Saint Andrew. Please use the registration form below to register and let us know if you are willing to volunteer, host a counselor, or provide snacks, craft materials, etc.

Vacation Bible School with Crossways Day Camp is a weeklong program for children Pre-K through 5th grade. Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor and congregational ministry with crafts, music, worship, games, Bible study, fellowship and recreation.

**The purpose of Vacation Bible School** is to provide a quality Christian experience for youth at Saint Andrew. Both camps and congregations have a dynamic impact on the faith development of children. Crossways' Day Camp will partner with us to provide enthusiasm, energy, curriculum, and program ideas. VBS Day camp is a great way to supplement the year-round Christian education program and the faith development of the families and children at Saint Andrew.

**The strength of Day Camp** is the partnership between Crossways camp staff and Saint Andrew Volunteers. Crossways camp staff are caring, committed young adults who are trained to lead Bible studies, worship, music, recreation, crafts and building community. Their enthusiasm, energy, curriculum and program ideas are important to the success of VBS Day Camp week. Saint Andrew Volunteers provide the important connection for the children. The relationships the congregational volunteers develop at VBS Day Camp will be valuable to the children year-round.



### "CAMP GOD'S TIME"

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Registration Form  
August 4-7, 9:00-3:30 pm; August 8, 9:00 am-12:00 pm



		Male/Female _____
Camper Name _____		Age _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____		Home Congregation _____
		Town _____
Home Address _____		City _____
		State/Zip _____
		Pre-K   K   1   2   3   4   5
Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____	Grade <i>completed</i> by the camper (circle one)

T-shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_  
(Youth size)

Parents:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in being a Day Camp volunteer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in having some of the Crossways Day Camp Team stay at my home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in having the Crossways Day Camp Team at my home for dinner.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in sponsoring another child who can't afford Day Camp.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in donating supplies for Day Camp (i.e. arts & crafts, food, etc.).

Return this form with a \$15 Registration Fee to the Saint Andrew Lutheran Church Office by July 25, 2014.

# JUNE

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Team 4	Team 4	Team 5	Team 5
<b>Usher Team</b>	Johnson	Shepherd	A	B	Brekke
<b>Layreaders</b>	8:00 am 9:30 am Eric Verber Chris Kensmoe	Marv Meier Susan Paisar	Julie Spalding Carolyn Kiesau	Gary Hibbard Dewey Allen	Sean McCarthy Lynn Lawson
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00 am 9:30 am Eric & Jayme Hane Greg & Jeanne Willems	Lyn & Mike Weis Amy & Jesse Frolik	Larry & Annette Bindl Pam Mielke & Mike Koehmstedt	Jim Jacobson & Shirley Bickford Billy Schmidt & Pam Clark	Brandon & Melissa Murphy Susie & Ashley Soukup
<b>Fellowship</b>	8:00 am 9:30 am Susan & Cal Tobin Mary Wittich & Deb Bradshaw	Jim & Diane Van Eyck Adam & Kathy Wurz	Joel & Sara Widmann Roger & Ruth Poutanen	Bernie, LeAnn & Cadin Stankowski Doug & Marilyn Olson	Larry & Annette Bindl Craig & Marni Holmes

## LECTIONARY READINGS

June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Acts 1:6–14 Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11 John 17:1–11	Acts 2:1–21 Psalm 104:24–34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 John 20:19–23	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11–13 Matthew 28:16–20	Jeremiah 20:7–13 Psalm 69:7–18 Romans 6:1b–11 Matthew 10:24–39	Jeremiah 28:5–9 Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18 Romans 6:12–23 Matthew 10:40–42

## 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 Virlan - March 13  
Erika Ann Gatzke - March 27  
Hannah Sarah-Marie Stewart - April 27  
Cameron Robert Blaubach - May 4  
Maliah Daniel Kubat - June 8  
Anders John Huggenvik - June 22

## A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Scott Ayer & Tiffany Ludkey - March 29  
Chris & Bebe Jarvis - May 17  
Dale Martin & Tammy Gardner - May 31  
Cody Pagels & Sabrina Downing - June 7  
Matt Seegert & Becky Logemann - 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	James, Henry & Elsie	Roland	Chris and Cassandra
Babs	Jeff	Ruth	Clayton
Barb	Jennette	Sabrina	Bryan
Bev	Jennifer	Susan	Amy
Brianna	Jerry	Theresa	Jean
Callie and Zak	John	Tom	Carrie
Chuck	Jon	Tyler	Jon
Connie	Julie	Zerin	Terry
Dennis	Kevin	Ella	Noah
Dorothy	Michael	Maggie	Connor
Felicia	Mike and Sandy	Kathleen	Nita
Gary	Patricia	Jim	Mike
Gene	Quinn	Katie	Dan and Lynne
Irma B.	Renee T	Diane	
Jack	Renee W.	Bruce	
Jackie	Robin	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

May 25	8 and 9:30 am	Sunday Summer Worship Begins
May 26		Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office Closed
June 1	10:30 am	Baptism Orientation
June 3	11:30 am	OWLS Group Venture Out
June 5	10:00 am	Play Group
June 10	6:30 pm	Ministry Night Meetings
June 15	10:30 am	Ice Cream Social
June 15-20		Confirmation Camp at Waypost Camp
July 19	8:00 am	SALC Golf Outing at Rib Mountain Golf Course
August 1	10:30 am	Baptism Orientation
August 4-8		VBS
August 17	9:30 am	Blessing of Pets Worship
September 3		Confirmation Parent Orientation—7th & 8th Grades
September 7	8 & 10:30 am	Sunday Fall/Winter Worship Begins
September 7	9:15 am	Sunday Church School Rally Day
September 7	11:30 am	SALC Annual Picnic
September 10		Confirmation Classes Begin—7th & 8th Grades