

Network



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Reflections on Summer by Pastor Craig

It has taken longer than expected, but the warmer weeks of summer are finally here. When compared to pictures of our yard from last year, plants have been slow to awaken from the long sleep of winter and many plants are just now filling out. Summer is a reset time when we take a break from a more regular pattern and engage in other activities that are less common during other times of the year. It is a time for camping, biking, hiking, boating, cookouts and family reunions. It is a time to sample fresh fruits and vegetables that ripen on the branches and the stems of healthy plants. Summer is a transitional time to anticipate a shift from one grade level in school to the next.

This summer we will welcome a new face at Saint Andrew when Craig Gauerke arrives to begin work among us as the Coordinator of Youth and Family Education. It is a time to anticipate a new set of gifts and ideas into the educational ministry of the congregation and make plans for the fall activities.

I will take 2 weeks of time for continuing education this month. During these weeks I will do some biking, home projects, spend time with the grandkids and attend a special Lutheran Men in Mission event in Nashville, Tennessee with our sons.

Vacation Bible School will take place the first week of August. This is a new schedule as it will include a full day for kids in Kindergarten-5th grade (half day for pre-k) and a day trip to Waypost Camp for 3-5th graders on Thursday of that week. This is possible with the help of Crossways staff members and a significant number of support volunteers from Saint Andrew. There are many ways you can help if interested. Contact the church office to volunteer or learn more. I am very much looking forward to the months ahead. These are exciting opportunities and this is a great time of year to try something different.

So what is on your agenda this summer? The work of the church does not take a break but shifts the work we do a bit differently. Perhaps you have something you wish to sample this summer that would enhance your life and faith. Mike is new to Saint Andrew but wasted no time getting involved. Mike has spent several hours on his knees in the parking lot this past month painting the curbing. Jeanne has been a member for several years and is always willing to help repaint a wall or two. Randy owns a lawn care business, donates mowing the church lawn weekly and has provided the beautiful summer flowers at the building entrances. Enclosed is an article that invites members to adopt a section of landscaping and keep it weeded and groomed. These are just a few of the many ways you can get involved at Saint Andrew. It is easy to get involved and it not only helps the congregation, it increases membership identity. Are there ways you would like to help out and share your gifts and talents? This is Christ's church and there is room for many to participate. Call the church office to volunteer or learn more.

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
8:00 and 9:30 am
Thursday Worship All Year
12:15 and 6:15 pm

Play Group at SALC

Thursday, July 10, 10-11 am
Bring your children who are not yet in pre-school for conversation, fellowship and a time for playing. Join the group on the **second Thursday of July (this month only due to the holiday)**. For the summer months, please call the church prior to coming in the event the location has changed to a local park or other summer fun spot. Invite a friend!

OWLS

The OWLS will take a summer break in July. Watch the August Network for their next adventure.



“Christ In Our Home” Devotionals

The 2014 third quarter of “Christ In Our Home” devotionals are available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy to share in your home.

Food Pantry Needs

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs the following items:

- Pancake Mix**
- Pancake Syrup**
- Saltine Crackers**
- 100% Juice**

Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the food pantry!

Noisy Offering

A special offering will be received during worship on **July 17 & 20**. This month’s offering will provide additional support for Fair Trade marketing efforts. Fair Trade items (coffee, tea, chocolates) will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, July 20**. Fair Trade supports efforts of local growers to encourage sustainable production practices.

GOLF OUTING

Saturday, July 19, 8 am
Rib Mountain Golf Course

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

Sign up your foursome or be a part of a “potluck” team. At least one church member per team. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall or call the office. Fee: \$20.

All are welcome to join in the fun!



COORDINATOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

Craig Gauerke has accepted the position to lead conversations and give oversight to Christian education ministries and opportunities for children and families through Saint Andrew. Craig is a graduate of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa with a degree and experience in youth and family ministry. Craig is from the Waupaca community and finishing his work with Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, Kansas. His first day at Saint Andrew will be July 28, just in time for the summer Vacation Bible School program and final plans for the fall education programs. Welcome, Craig!

SALC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - SUMMER WEEDING ASSISTANCE

Check out the new binder on the Information Desk that will be updated regularly to assist members in staying informed on current volunteer opportunities available at Saint Andrew. Opportunities in the binder will provide a detailed sheet to be removed and taken with you outlining the task & time frame, contact person if available and specific related information.

Weeding assistance is needed for the building landscaping and north chapel side parking lot islands. In the Volunteer book there are 13 sheets, conveniently highlighted to designate small sections for individuals to be responsible for the weeding this summer and fall. Please take a sheet and plan to share your time at Saint Andrew when convenient. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

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 and place it in the "Completed" drawer on the back side of the Information Desk.

Bike Trip Update

It has been challenging to find "free" time for enough youth to schedule a week-long bike trip. As such, plans for this summer's trip have been **CANCELLED**. Thank you to the many adults willing to participate. Future ideas for creative activities are encouraged. Feel free to share them with the Youth and Christian Education Ministries.

Ministry Night

Ministry Night meetings this month will not formally be held on Tuesday, July 8, though several individual ministry groups will conduct meetings as needed.

CROP Walk

Sunday, October 5, 12 pm
CROP Walks are sponsored nationwide by CWS-Church World Service which is the relief and development agency of the National Council of churches—37 national church bodies including the ELCA. Participant envelopes and more information will be available in August.

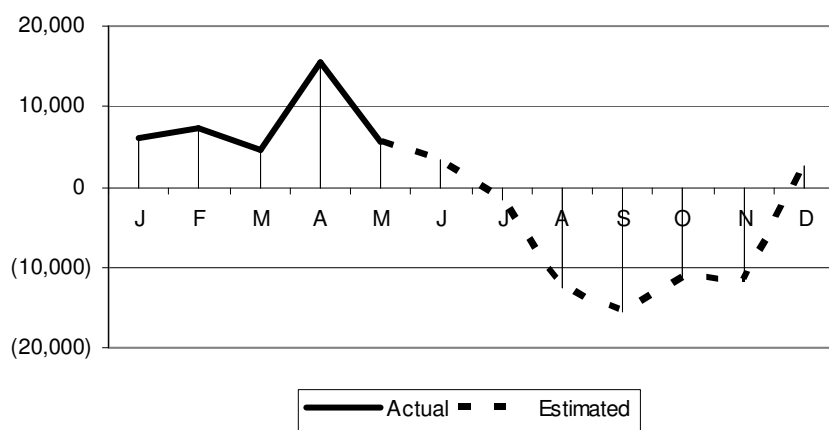
CELEBRATION PATIO PAVERS

Summer is here and time to enjoy Sunday morning fellowship on the patio. If you would like to have a paver dedicated to a loved one, pick up a form on the Information Desk in the Narthex and return it to the church office with payment (\$100), or place in the offering plate. Examples of celebrations could include: birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, anniversary, retirement, in memory of, in honor of, new members, and many more! Personalize a paver for your celebration!

News from Finance and Stewardship

Summer Thoughts from STEW

2014 Cash Flow Picture



Notice that starting in July we estimate a negative cash flow situation. The summer months are always a challenge since our expenses continue while we take vacations and enjoy the summertime. Somehow we will need to come up with enough cash to pay our bills. Can you help?



Summertime has been long in coming but it is now fully upon us. It is a special season but it is not without some challenges. When all members of the team do their part, things go along pretty smoothly. If one or many take a break and do not contribute, the team can risk falling into a slump. We can all contribute to some degree for we all have different gifts. The good news for people of faith is that in Christ, we are already winners. We have what we truly need. The challenge is in finding creative ways of sharing what

is freely given so the work and mission of the church is accomplished. Check out the cash flow graph and prayerfully consider ways you can help Saint Andrew avoid a summer slump.

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 to also let us know if you are willing to volunteer for part or all of that week.

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 an educational 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 both adults and children alike well beyond this week.

"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
 Pre-K: 9:00-12:00 pm each day



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

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.

My child is in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade and has permission to travel to Waypost Camp on Thursday August 7th 9am-3:30pm.

Parent Signature

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

JULY

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Altar Guild	Team 6	Team 6	Team 2	Team 2
Usher Team	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	A
Layreaders	8:00 am 9:30 am Faith Martinson Linda Vogen	Joleen Meier James Jordan	Cheryl Allen Shelby Niskanen	Mary Jarvis Jayne Germinaro
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am Marv & Joleen Meier Linda Vogen &	Vern & Patsy Matushak Dave & Sue Paisaar	Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson Jerry & Marlene Kort	John Brauer & Lenette Hoover Dick & Lynn Lawson
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am Larry & Annette Bindl Roger & Ruth Poutanen	Barb Breese & Lenette Hoover George & Bonnie Alafouzos	Sheldon & Connie Geiger Terry & June Grabau	Gary Hibbard & Judy Rusch Russ & Alice Van Skike

LECTIONARY READINGS

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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:

Hannah Sarah-Marie Stewart - April 27
 Cameron Robert Blaubach - May 4
 Anders John Huggenvik - June 22
 Romeo Harper Pagels - July 3
 Skye McKenna Pagels - July 3
 Cody Alan Pagels - July 3
 Ean Julio Murillo - July 6
 Brianna Elizabeth Birchler - July 17
 Katherine Kelly Brandt - August 31

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Chris & Bebe Jarvis - May 17
 Dale Martin & Tammy Gardner - May 31
 Cody Pagels & Sabrina Downing - June 7
 Matt Seegert & Becky Logemann - June 28
 Justin Socha & Sherry Norton - August 9
 Jason Weith & Sara Geiger - August 23

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	Roland	Bryan
Babs	James, Henry & Elsie	Sabrina	Amy
Barb	Jeff	Susan	Jean
Bev	Jennette	Theresa	Carrie
Brianna	Jennifer	Tom	Jon
Callie and Zak	Jerry	Tyler	Terry
Chuck	John	Zerin	Noah
Connie	Jon	Ella	Mike
Dennis	Julie	Maggie	Megan
Dorothy	Kevin	Kathleen	Dan and Lynne
Felicia	Mike and Sandy	Jim	Sam
Gary	Nancy	Katie	Adrienne
Gene	Patricia	Diane	
Irma B.	Quinn	Chris and Cassandra	
Jack	Robin	Clayton	

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

July 4		Church Office Closed
July 19	8:00 am	SALC Golf Outing at Rib Mountain Golf Course
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August 1	10:30 am	Baptism Orientation
August 4-8		VBS
August 17	9:30 am	Blessing of Pets Worship
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September 3		Confirmation Parent Orientation—7th & 8th Grades Choir Rehearsals Begin
September 7	8 & 10:30 am	Sunday Fall/Winter Worship Begins
	9:15 am	Sunday School Rally Day
	11:30 am	SALC Annual Picnic
September 10	6:15 pm	Confirmation Classes Begin—7th & 8th Grades
September 14	9:15 am	Second Grade Bibles Given/Bible Orientation
September 21	9:15 am	Acolyte Training